

OHSA Regulation of Beryllium

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Overview of Anticipated Regulation

- Very similar to Hex Chrome
- Current PEL: 2 ug/m³
- New PEL:
 - Between 0.1 and 2
- Engineering and work practice controls first
 - Only then can respirators be used
- Housekeeping, regulated areas, etc.
- Medical monitoring
 - BLBT – Blood Test
 - Biggest potential problem

Status of Beryllium Regulation

- Preliminary Economic Feasibility Analysis
 - Sept 17, 2007
- Request for Information
 - Nov. 2007
 - Who is exposed, what are their exposures, how are exposures controlled?
- Small Business Regulatory Fairness Act (SBREFA)
 - Jan. 15, 2008
- Peer Review
 - Soon
 - Will take 8-12 months
- Will be Obama Priority
 - Proposed Rule: 1st term