Attached is the short memo posted on the Department of Labor/Occupational Health & Safety Administration home page for staff only announcing the program.

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Pilot Beryllium Medical Monitoring Program - Webcast Memo

OSHA places a high value on the health and safety of their employees. To safeguard employee health, OSHA has designed a medical monitoring program for Beryllium. The Pilot Beryllium Medical Monitoring Program for current OSHA staff will be implemented April 15, 2004. A detailed memorandum outlining the implementation of this plan was distributed last month. In the enclosed package, you will find the resources necessary to make this program operational. Providing members of the OSHA field staff with the information needed to make an informed decision is our first priority.

To that end, you will find five educational brochures on Beryllium enclosed to distribute to current employees. The Beryllium Web cast will be available for viewing on April 15, 2004. We encourage group viewing of the web cast to facilitate further discussion. Any questions that cannot be adequately addressed at the local level should be referred to the Office of Occupational Medicine at (202) 693-2017. In order to access the Web cast, field offices will need to upgrade computer software to the most recent version of Media Player. Instructions necessary to facilitate this upgrade will be posted under the announcements section of the Intranet Help Desk web page. In addition to our educational efforts, air sampling data will be provided to clarify exposure risk.

Any OSHA employee, who has participated in an inspection where Beryllium sampling was found to be above the detectable limit, will be notified. On the enclosed CD, you will find positive sampling data for your region. We encourage you to deliver this information to your staff in a confidential manner. After reviewing all educational materials and evaluating exposure history, employees should decide if they want to participate in this voluntary program. To participate, employees must sign the enclosed consent form. Once signed, the blood test can be scheduled. We appreciate your cooperation as we implement this new medical monitoring program. View the Web Cast starting April 15, 2004.