New OSHA Beryllium Safety Resources

The Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) estimates about 62,000 workers are potentially exposed to beryllium in a variety of occupations, including but not limited to: foundry workers, machine operators, machinists, metal fabricators, welders, abrasive blasters, electronic/metals recycling, and dental technicians. It is interesting to note, the Department of Defense (DoD) classifies beryllium as a strategic and critical material.



Image courtesy of OSHA: https://www.osha.gov/beryllium

OSHA recently posted five new beryllium resources, including:

- Small Entity Compliance Guide for Beryllium in General Industry
- Interim Enforcement Guidance for the 2020 Final Beryllium Standards
- Beryllium Worker Information on the BeLPT (beryllium lymphocyte proliferation test) (OSHA QuickCard[®] Publication 4114)
- Beryllium Medical Surveillance Information for Workers (OSHA QuickCard[®] Publication 4115)
- Beryllium Guidance on Medical Surveillance for Beryllium Exposed Workers (OSHA Publication 4116)

If your organization has workers who are or may be exposed to beryllium, you might want to check out these resources posted on <u>OSHA's Beryllium Safety and Health Topics</u> page.

For additional information on the SMCX's services, please visit the SMCX-hosted website at: <u>https://www.smscx.org/</u>.

