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METALLIC BERYLLIUM

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At this time it is necessary in order to support reactor development programs that we effectively utilize all metallic beryllium which is available within the Commission. We propose that all metallic beryllium be collected, vacuum melted and processed to sintered products and made available to programs urgently needing it.

You are hereby requested to immediately ship to the Beryllium Corporation of America, Reading, Pennsylvania, attention, AEC, all metallic beryllium, including scrap, which is not currently being used in your program. Scrap should include pebbles, lumps, powders, chips, casting butts, small blocks, miscellaneous pieces, etc. Each shipment should be adequately identified as to originating laboratory and composition of the material being shipped, insofar as it is known. Care should be exercised to exclude from the shipments beryllium grossly contaminated with high neutron absorption materials or source and fissionable materials.

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The New York Operations Office through the Division of Production is being asked to process the material received and should be contacted if any questions arise regarding shipment of the metallic beryllium to the Beryllium Corporation of America.

Please insure that all metallic beryllium which is not urgently needed by your office is shipped immediately.

Notify this office of the amounts, sizes and approximate compositions, when available, of the shipments you make.

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