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Beryllium Hazards

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1. It is suggested that you call to the attention of Project Reger the peculiar hazards associated with working with beryllium and the necessity for the most stringent precautions to avoid inhalation of the metal or its oxide as dust.
2. As you are aware, the effects of inhalation of this material appear to be cumulative and may appear only after a considerable length of time. Serious deterioration of lung tissue is the usual consequence with a probable high mortality rate or seriously decreased life span of the individual.
3. We should be glad to have appropriate members of our Industrial Medical Group discuss this problem with representatives from Reger either at Los Alamos or at Reger and to suggest the best methods known to us for avoiding this hazard. It is also probable that some local physician at Reger should be alerted as to the nature of the beryllium hazard and that employees working with this material should receive careful periodic physical examinations.

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