

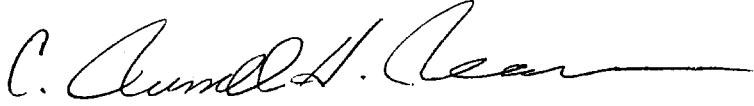


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**FROM:** C. Russell H. Shearer   
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Environment, Safety and Health

**SUBJECT:** Request for Assistance in Response to Inspector General Audit Report,  
"Implementation of the Department of Energy's Beryllium-Associated  
Worker Registry"

I am requesting your assistance in responding to recommendations in the subject audit report (see attachment). The audit found reporting and data quality deficiencies in data reported by the Department of Energy (DOE) contractors to DOE's Beryllium-Associated Worker Registry. The Registry is mandated under the Chronic Beryllium Disease Prevention Program Final Rule, title 10, Code of Federal Regulations, part 850.10. The Office of Inspector General recommends that the Office of Environment, Safety and Health (EH) "Work with the appropriate Departmental program offices in order to ensure that sites: a. Identify whether they are required to report to the Registry; and b. Correct existing errors and omissions."

Contractors at twenty DOE sites have reported information to the Registry since January 2002. In many cases, errors and other reporting problems have been quickly corrected. However, other problems have persisted and will require management attention to ensure site compliance with Registry protocols. Our goal is to establish a more formal working relationship with the staff in your office who are cognizant of chronic beryllium disease prevention programs at your sites and can assist in bringing issues to the attention of the appropriate level of line management. EH will provide each Program Secretarial Officer and site office with semiannual progress reports pertaining to the quality of the data submitted. At this time, I am requesting your assistance in identifying the individuals in your office and field offices who will act as the points-of-contact to discuss and resolve these issues.

A response by June 16, 2006, will help EH address the Inspector General's recommendations in a timely manner. If you have any questions about this request, please contact the Registry Program Manager, Paul Wambach at 3-7373; or Dr. Bonnie Richter, Director, Office of Epidemiology and Health Surveillance, at 3-4501.

Thank for your assistance.

