OSHA Notice of Proposed Rulemaking - Beryllium

David Valiante, CIH
Directorate of Standards and Guidance
2012 Regulatory Agenda
Items Nearing Proposal

- Silica
- Beryllium
- Consensus Standard Update—Signage
- Revocation of Periodic Records
Beryllium

• Completed SBREFA Panel January 2008
• United Steelworkers and industry leader Materion Brush jointly developed a model Be standard; sent to OSHA in 2012
• Development of proposed standard is continuing

• Next Steps:
  – Publish Proposed Rule, July 2013
  – Proposal will be followed by public comment period and public hearings
Beryllium Rule Contents

• Provisions/Alternatives Typical of OSHA 6(b) Standards
  – Permissible exposure limit (considered 0.1, 0.2, 0.5, 1, and 2* ug/m³)
  – Regulated areas
  – Exposure assessment
  – Respiratory protection
  – Medical surveillance
  – Medical removal
  – Communication of Be hazards to employees

* Current PEL
Questions?