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Dear Valued Customer,

Over the past couple of weeks you might have seen OSHA in the news regarding the final rule on the ***Beryllium Standard for General Industry***. This final ruling has raised multiple questions of what impact it has on our industry, blasting abrasives. OSHA's current guidelines highlight General Industry, and at this time, OSHA is still evaluating the Construction and Maritime options for the standard under which blast media does apply.

OSHA's final ruling indicates that the standard applies to the employee, if the employee's exposure to beryllium exceeds the action level of 0.1ug/m³ under any foreseeable circumstance.

Custom Abrasives current line sheet of products indicates that a TCLP performed on our products falls below this threshold, limiting the likelihood of beryllium exposure. As is well known throughout the construction and maritime industries, different surfaces that are being blasted have their own chemical compositions. These blasted surfaces may contain beryllium. It is important to use extra precaution when blasting on these types of surfaces and to wear the proper respiratory protection and PPE while blasting to prevent beryllium exposure.

As always, here at Custom Abrasives you can find updates on OSHA's rulings on our webpage:

customabrasivesllc.com

Going forward we will be posting blasting abrasives related rulings, so that you can continue working safely and efficiently without worry.

Sincerely,

Alexander Michael

Custom Abrasives Operations Manager