Chronic Beryllium Disease

The Office of Health, Safety and Security maintains Chronic Beryllium Disease Prevention programs and policies designed to assess and prevent the health impacts of Energy operations on employees exposed to airborne concentrations of beryllium. Energy facilitates the initiation of an integrated interagency CBD research agenda leading to improved diagnosis, prognosis, and treatment of this disease. Energy departmental elements responsible for protection and control measures for current workers, compensation for individuals who have developed CBD, and CBD research, work closely with other agencies conducting related activities.

In addition, the Office of Hearings and Appeals (OHA) reviews disputes under the Energy’s Chronic Beryllium Disease Protection Program. A worker may request resolution of disputes concerning compliance with the applicable protection plan, medical monitoring, and job transfers.