



NOTICE OF PROPOSED RULEMAKING (NPRM) FOR BERYLLIUM

In an effort to keep NGK Metals' customers and vendors informed of developments in regulatory policy we want to bring to your attention that on August 7th 2015, OSHA published a Proposed Rule for Beryllium in the Federal Register. A copy of the rule is available at <https://federalregister.gov/a/2015-17596>. Additional information and Fact Sheets can be found at <https://www.osha.gov/SLTC/beryllium>.

Currently, OSHA's eight-hour permissible exposure limit for beryllium is 2.0 micrograms per cubic meter of air. Following an extensive review of scientific data, OSHA has proposed reducing the eight-hour permissible exposure limit to 0.2 micrograms per cubic meter. The proposed rule would also require ancillary protection measures to enhance worker safety and more closely align the standard with OSHA health standards for other substances.

OSHA will be accepting comments on the proposed standard through November 5, 2015. After reviewing and responding to comments OSHA will publish a final standard in the Federal Register. OSHA is anticipating completing this process by late 2016. Once finalized, the provisions of the standard will become effective within 5 to 26 months.

NGK Metals believes this is a positive step forward and commends OSHA in working with industry and labor interests in developing the proposed standard. NGK Metals is committed to assisting our customers and vendors with safety and health matters. NGK will be developing guidance documents and providing support to aid our beryllium copper users and keep them informed of the regulatory process. For additional information please contact NGK Metals EHS Department at (423)351-0376.