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To: LANL-ALL@lanl.gov
Subject: LANL-AII811: Follow-up to today's all-hands meeting

Please note the following message from Lee McAtee, Health, Safety and Radiation Protection (HSR) Division leader:

As discussed in this morning's all hands meeting, Institutional Industrial Hygiene and Safety (HSR-5) industrial hygienists recently conducted an environmental sampling in part of the Administration Building. All sampling results were within expected background levels, with the exception of low levels of beryllium on a few surfaces in the area sampled.

Analysis of the samples indicate that the levels on those surfaces are similar to, or lower than, levels commonly found on surfaces around dusty construction sites resulting from natural beryllium in soils. The primary hazard from beryllium results from inhalation; air sampling results have not indicated the presence of any airborne beryllium.

However, these findings were unanticipated and additional sampling in the Administration Building is being undertaken between Jan. 29 and Feb. 1. When the additional sampling and analysis are completed, we will hold future meetings to discuss sampling results and conclusions.

If you were unable to attend this morning's meeting, I encourage you to watch the replay on Labnet, Channel 10, beginning today, Friday, at 2 p.m. and on Monday at 8 a.m. and noon. If you have additional questions or concerns, I encourage you to call me or HSR Deputy Division Leader John McNeel at 7-4218.