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Safety Alert

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TO: All Facility Safety Heads
All Facility Coordinators

FROM: 429/Safety Manager, Head, Safety Engineering Branch, SSQRD

SUBJECT: Review of Current and Past use of Mercury

Mercury is a highly toxic material which is liquid at ambient temperatures and presents significant potential for environmental contamination. Once released into the environment, there is no effective naturally occurring removal process. Mercury was formerly used in large quantities at Langley in manometers and other research equipment.

To assess possible environmental effects from use of this material, current and past uses are being reviewed. Facility Safety Heads are requested to complete the questionnaire on the back of this announcement and return to this office, Attn: Mail Stop 429/SEMS, by April 1, 1991. Questions regarding this activity may be directed to Mr. Robert Brown at extension 43609.

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Building: _____
Facility Safety Head: _____
Date: _____

NO KNOWN CURRENT OR PAST USES OF MERCURY: (check if applicable) ___

CURRENT USE:

BRIEF DESCRIPTION:

QUANTITY USED/ON HAND:

DESCRIPTION OF SPILLS, INCLUDING QUANTITIES, DATES, AREAS AFFECTED, AND CLEANUP INFORMATION:

PAST USE:

BRIEF DESCRIPTION:

QUANTITY USED:

DESCRIPTION OF SPILLS, INCLUDING QUANTITIES, DATES, AREAS AFFECTED, AND CLEANUP INFORMATION:

RETURN COMPLETED QUESTIONAIRE TO M/S 429 SEMS by April 1, 1991.