A New Element
—Administratium—
Discovered

(Ed. Note: The effects of administratium are not yet known
turf. However, the effects on superintendents is becoming
more known as we speak!) The heaviest element known to science was recently dis-
covered in the Soviet Union at Turgid University.
The element, tentatively named Administratium, escaped
detection for years due to its peculiar structure. Extensive
testing has determined that Administratium has no pro-
tons or electrons, which gives it an atomic number of 0.
However it does contain 1 neutron, 103 assistant neutrons,
81 vice-neutrons and 133 assistant vice-neutrons. This gives
it an atomic mass of 318. These 318 particles are held
together in a nucleus by a force that involves the continu-
ous exchange of meson-like particles called morons.

Since it really has no electrons, Administratium is inert.
However it can be detected chemically as it impedes every
reaction it comes in contact with. According to the dis-
coverers, a minute amount of the substance caused one reac-
tion to take over three days to complete when it normally
occurs in less than three seconds.

Administratium has a normal half-life of approximately
2.5 years. However, instead of decaying, it actually under-
goes a reorganization in which assistant neutrons, vice-
neutrons and assistant vice-neutrons exchange places.

Some studies have even shown that occasionally the atomic
mass actually increases after these reorganizations.
Research at other laboratories has indicated that Admin-
istratium occurs naturally in the atmosphere. It tends
to concentrate at certain points such as government agen-
cies, corporate headquarters and universities. At these lo-
cations, the strongest concentrations can be found at the
newest and best maintained buildings.

Scientists point out that Administratium is toxic at any
level of concentration, as it destroys productivity wherever
it is allowed to accumulate. There is some evidence link-
ing exposure to extensive paper handling, although this
question needs further study. Attempts are being made to
determine how Administratium may be controlled or eradi-
cated, but results to date are not promising.

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