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Dear Mr. Doe,

This letter requests your participation in the upcoming *Survey of Coal Mine Safety Interventions*, sponsored by the Mining Program of the National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health (NIOSH). NIOSH has contracted with ATL International, Inc. (ATL) and ICF International (ICF) to develop and conduct this survey. The purpose of the survey is to assess whether NIOSH's safety interventions meet the needs of the coal mining industry. NIOSH will use the findings to enhance the awareness, use and effectiveness of its safety innovations.

The survey—which also will be available to complete over the Internet—is voluntary, and will only take about 30 minutes for you to complete. Also, your name and the name of your mine will be kept anonymous, and we will not release information that allows the identification of individual mines unless compelled by law.

In about two weeks, you can expect to receive a paper copy of the survey, a self-addressed stamped envelope for easy return, and a short letter from NIOSH describing the purpose of the survey. The letter will also provide the survey Web address and your mine's unique ID and password, so you may complete the survey online if that is your preference. Your participation in the upcoming survey is strongly encouraged and greatly appreciated by NIOSH. If you have any questions, you can contact the Project Director, Linda J. McWilliams, by telephone (412-386-6116) or e-mail (LMcWilliams@cdc.gov).

I thank you in advance for your assistance with this important project to improve mine safety.

Sincerely yours,

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