## Radiologic Quality Rereading

## **U. S. Department of Labor**

Office of Workers' Compensation Programs Division of Coal Mine Workers' Compensation



**NOTE:** This report is authorized by law (30 USC, 901 et seq, and 20 CFR 718.102). The results of this interpretation will aid in determining the miner's eligibility for black lung benefits. This method of collecting information complies with the Freedom of Information Act, the Privacy Act of 1974, and OMB Cir. No. 108.

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Please record your quality finding of a single image by placing "X" in the appropriate boxes on the form and return it promptly to the office that requested the interpretation. The form must be completed as per instructions; signed by a physician; and contain the miner's name and DOL's Case ID Number. The Department of Labor will pay only for images of acceptable quality (1, 2 and 3). Images of inferior quality (U/R) must be retaken without cost to the Department.

1A. Miner's Name (Print)	1B. Date of X-ray	1C. DOL's Case ID Number	1D. Image Quality (If not Grade 1 give reason):
	MO. DAY YR.		1 2 3 U/R
2A. ANY OTHER ABNORMALITIES?	VEQ	Complete NO B and 2C	Proceed to Section 3
2B. OTHER SYMBOLS (OBLIGATOR			
aa at ax bu ca cg	cn co cp cv di ef em es	fr hi ho id ih kl me p	a pb pi px ra rp tb
REPORT ITEMS WHICH MAY BE OF PRESENT CLINICAL SIGNIFICANCE IN THIS SECTION	(Specify od.)	Date Personal Physician notified?	Mo. Day Yr.
2C. OTHER COMMENTS			
2D. SHOULD WORKER SEE PERSO	DNAL PHYSICIAN BECAUSE OF COMM	IENTS IN SECTION 2C?	Proceed to Section 3
	ENOGRAPHIC EXAMINATION:		
	applicable):radiographic technologist?		
	radiographer/radiographic technologists		State
3B. Physician Interpreting Image (Pri			
	gist? $\square$ Yes $\square$ No Board-eligible		B-reader? 🗌 Yes 🔲 No
	ertification expires:		
Appendix A. I also certify that th I am aware that any person who	re-read for quality in accordance with the e information furnished is correct and am willfully makes any false or misleading st of a misdemeanor and, on conviction, su	aware that my signature attests to the a atements or representation in support of	accuracy of the results reported.  an application for benefits
PHYSICIAN'S SIGNATURE		DATE OF RE-READING	
			(Mo., Day, Yr.)

## TWO FILING OPTIONS:

- 1. To file electronically, submit completed form to the COAL Mine Portal: <a href="https://eclaimant.dol.gov/portal/?program\_name=BL">https://eclaimant.dol.gov/portal/?program\_name=BL</a>
- 2. To file by mail, send completed form to:
  US Department of Labor
  OWCP/DCMWC
  PO Box 8307
  London, KY 40742-8307

### **PUBLIC BURDEN STATEMENT**

We estimate that it will take an average of 3 minutes to complete this information collection, including time for reviewing instructions, searching existing data sources, gathering and maintaining the data needed, and completing and reviewing the information. If you have any comments regarding these estimates or any other aspect of this information collection, including suggestions for reducing this burden, send them to the Division of Coal Mine Workers' Compensation, U.S. Department of Labor, Room N-3464, 200 Constitution Avenue, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20210. **DO NOT SEND THE COMPLETED FORM TO THIS OFFICE.** 

## PRIVACY ACT NOTICE

In accordance with the Privacy Act of 1974, as amended (5 U.S.C. 552a), you are hereby notified that: (1) the Black Lung Benefits Act (BLBA) (30 U.S.C. 901 et seq.), as amended, is administered by the Office of Workers' Compensation Programs (OWCP) of the U.S. Department of Labor, which receives and maintains personal information, relative to this application, on claimants and their immediate families; (2) information obtained by OWCP will be used to determine eligibility for benefits payable under the BLBA; (3) information may be given to other government agencies, coal mine operators potentially liable for payment of the claim or to the insurance carrier or other entity which secured the operator's compensation liability, contractors providing automated data processing services to the Department of Labor; and representatives of the parties to the claim; (4) information may be given to physicians or other medical service providers for use in providing treatment, making evaluations and for other purposes relating to the medical management of the claim; (5) information may be given to the Department of Labor's Office of Administrative Law Judges, or other person, board or organization, which is authorized or required to render decisions with respect to the claim or other matters arising in connection with the claim; (6) information may be given to Federal, state or local agencies for law enforcement purposes, to obtain information relevant to a decision under the BLBA, to determine whether benefits are being or have been paid properly, and where appropriate, to pursue administrative offset and/or debt collection actions required or permitted by law; (7) disclosure of the claimant's or deceased miner's Social Security Number (SSN) or tax identifying number (TIN) on this form is voluntary, and the SSN and/or TIN and other information maintained by the OWCP may be used for identification and for other purposes authorized by law; (8) failure to disclose all requested information, may delay the processing of Records,

#### NOTICE

If you have a substantially limiting physical or mental impairment, Federal disability nondiscrimination law gives you the right to receive help from OWCP in the form of communication assistance, accommodation and modification to aid you in the claims process. For example, we will provide you with copies of documents in alternate formats, communication services such as sign language interpretation, or other kinds of adjustments or changes to account for the limitations of your disability. Please contact our office or the claims examiner to ask about this assistance.

NOTE: Persons are not required to respond to this collection of information unless it displays a currently valid OMB control number

# For Purposes of Coding for the Department of Labor, the following criteria will be used ILO 2011 INTERNATIONAL CLASSIFICATION OF RADIOGRAPHS OF THE PNEUMOCONIOSES

Technical Quality

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С	ODES	DEFINITIONS	
	1 2	<ul> <li>Good</li> <li>Acceptable, with no technical defect likely to impair classification of the radiograph for pneumoconiosis</li> </ul>	
	3 U/R	<ul> <li>Acceptable, with some technical defect but still acceptable for classification purposes.</li> <li>Unacceptable for classification purposes.</li> </ul>	

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# Other Symbols

It is to be taken that the definition of such symbols is preceded by an appropriate word or phrase such as "suspect" or "suggestive of", etc.

SYMBOLS	DEFINITIONS
aa	- atherosclerotic aorta
at	- significant apical pleural thickening
ax	- coalescence of small opacities
bu	- bulla(e)
ca	- cancer: thoracic malignancies excluding mesothelioma
cg	- calcified non-pneumoconiotic nodules (e.g granuloma) or nodes
cn	- calcification in small pneumoconiotic opacities
СО	- abnormality of cardiac size or shape
ср	- cor pulmonale
CV	- cavity
di	- marked distortion of the intrathoracic structure
ef	- pleural effusion
em	- emphysema
es	<ul> <li>eggshell calcification of hilar or mediastinal lymph nodes</li> </ul>
fr	<ul> <li>fractured rib(s) (acute or healed)</li> </ul>
hi	<ul> <li>enlargement of non-calcified hilar or mediastinal lymph nodes</li> </ul>
ho	- honeycomb lung
id	- ill-defined diaphragm border
ih	- ill-defined heart border
kl	- septal (Kerley) lines
me	- mesothelioma
pa	- plate atelectasis
pb	- parenchymal bands
pi	<ul> <li>pleural thickening in the interlobar fissure</li> </ul>
рх	- pneumothorax
ra	- rounded atelectasis
rp	- rheumatoid pneumoconiosis
tb	- tuberculosis
od	- other disease or significant abnormality

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## Comments

If comments are present, please check the "Yes" or "No" box to indicate if the miner should see personal physician.