

# Report of Ventilatory Study

## U.S. Department of Labor

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



**Note:** This report is authorized by law (30 U.S.C. 901 et. seq.). The results of this study 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 Circular No. 108.

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**Instructions:** Any ventilatory study conducted after January 19, 2001 must include tracings of flow versus volume (flow-volume loop) as part of the reported test. If the spirometer used for this test cannot provide a flow-volume loop, indicate this fact in item 10. Submit three tracings of the flow-volume loop which displays the entire maximum inspiration and the entire maximum forced expiration, and three tracings of the volume versus time (spirogram) derived electronically from the flow-volume loop. Identify each tracing with the patient's name and DOL's Case ID Number. Report the results of the FEV1, the FVC and the FEV1/FVC ratio (expressed as a percentage). If a bronchodilator is administered, report the values obtained both before and after bronchodilation and explain the significance of the results obtained in item 10. Measuring and reporting the MVV is optional. If the MVV is measured, submit two tracings of the individual breath volumes versus time if the MVV values obtained are within 10% of each other; otherwise, submit three tracings. The MVV results must be obtained independently, rather than calculated from the FEV1. Complete instructions and standards for administration of these tests may be found in 20 CFR Part 718, Subpart B, 718.103, and Appendix B, and are summarized on Form CM-2954a

<b>1.</b> Name of Miner (First, middle, last)		<b>2.</b> DOL's Case ID Number:		<b>3.</b> Date and Time of Test:  MM DD YYYY a.m. <input type="checkbox"/> p.m. <input type="checkbox"/>	
<b>4.</b> Age:	<b>5.</b> Sex:	<b>8.</b> Circle as appropriate (If "poor", explain in no. 10. "Additional Comments", the nature and extent of any impact this factor had on the results obtained.)  Miner's Degree of Cooperation:                      Good      Fair      Poor Miner's ability to understand instructions and follow directions:                      Good      Fair      Poor			
<b>6.</b> Height (Inches): (Stocking Feet – No Shoes)	<b>7.</b> Weight (lbs.):				
<b>9.</b> (a) Type of Test	(b) Observed values BEFORE Bronchodilator (Corrected to BTPS)  <b>Be sure to also note your findings in Block D5 of the CM-988, if applicable.</b>	(c) Observed values AFTER Bronchodilator, if given (Corrected to BTPS)  <b>Be sure to also note your findings in Block D5 of the CM-988, if applicable.</b>	(d) Predicted Normal Values		
FEV1 (In liters/second) (Required)					
FVC (In liters) (Required)					
FEV1/FVC Ratio (Required)					
MVV (In liters/minute) (Optional)					
<b>10.</b> Additional Comments (For example - note any dyspnea, use of bronchodilators, or coughing during test: If the miner was unable to complete the test, explain the reason for such failure.):					
<b>11.</b> (a) Type of machine used (Trade name)		(b) Rate of paper speed		(c) Temperature of Equipment	
<b>12.</b> Facility where test performed			<b>13.</b> Print or Type Name and Title of Technician or Physician administering test		

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1. To file electronically, submit completed form to the COAL Mine Portal: [https://eclaimant.dol.gov/portal/?program\\_name=BL](https://eclaimant.dol.gov/portal/?program_name=BL)
2. To file by mail, send completed form to:

US Department of Labor  
OWCP/DCMWC  
PO Box 8307  
London, KY 40742-8307

I certify that these ventilatory studies were conducted and reported in compliance with specifications and instructions provided by the Department of Labor. I also certify that the information furnished is correct and I am aware that my signature attests to the accuracy of the results reported. I am aware that any person who willfully makes any false or misleading statement or representation in support of an application for benefits shall be guilty of a misdemeanor under 30 USC 941 and, on conviction, subject to a fine of up to \$1000, or imprisonment for up to one year, or both.

Print or Type Name of Physician

Physician's Signature

Date

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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. 901et 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 this claim or the payment of benefits, or may result in an unfavorable decision or reduced level of benefits; and (9) this information is included in a System of Records, DOL/OWCP-2 published at 81 Federal Register 25765, 25858 (April 29, 2016) or as updated and republished.

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