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Dear Doctor [REDACTED]

Our records indicate that your current certification as a NIOSH-certified B Reader will expire on November 30, 2024. It will be necessary for you to renew your certification prior to that date in order to remain a NIOSH-certified B Reader.

**NIOSH is administering a new, updated, fully digital, B Reader examination.** The current examination uses modern digital chest radiographic images and was developed through a partnership between NIOSH and the American College of Radiology (ACR). More than fifteen experts in ILO classification from around the country contributed to developing the exam. For more information on the new examination, please see enclosure or go to the NIOSH Chest Radiography and B Reader Program website (<https://www.cdc.gov/niosh/topics/chestradiography/breader.html>).

Examinations are given at our NIOSH facility in Morgantown, WV on the enclosed dates. The ACR also offers the NIOSH B Reader Training and Examination. Please contact the ACR (<http://www.acr.org>) for course schedule and availability. We also have a partnership with the University of Illinois at Chicago (UIC) to administer the examination at that location. Information about taking the examination in Chicago will be available on the UIC Miner Center website here: <https://miner-center.uic.edu>. Please contact Dolores Weems at [weemsjr@uic.edu](mailto:weemsjr@uic.edu) for more information about scheduling an exam at UIC.

If you wish to renew your B Reader status, please complete the enclosed scheduling form, and return to me by email ([JOrrahood@cdc.gov](mailto:JOrrahood@cdc.gov)) with a copy of your current medical license. All exams given at NIOSH, Morgantown, WV must be scheduled at least two weeks in advance, space is granted as available. Your scheduled date and time will be confirmed by email.

If you have any questions or want periodic updates on the offering of the examination, please feel free to contact me or our website for the most up-to-date information.

Sincerely yours,

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Enclosures