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National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health
Coal Workers' Health Surveillance Program
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Dear Coal Miner:

As part of the Enhanced Coal Workers' Health Surveillance Program (ECWHSP), the National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health (NIOSH) will offer free, confidential health screenings to coal miners throughout Alabama, Illinois, Indiana, and Pennsylvania, over the next year in order to provide early detection of coal workers' pneumoconiosis, a serious but preventable occupational lung disease. These health screenings will be provided through a state-of-the-art NIOSH mobile testing van at convenient community and mine locations and will include a work history questionnaire, a chest x-ray, and a spirometry (breathing) test. Blood pressure screening will be offered as well. Typically, the process takes about 25 minutes. NIOSH provides the individual with the results of their own screening, but by law each person's screening remains confidential. No individual information is publicly disclosed, including the names of participating miners.

Coal workers' pneumoconiosis is caused by inhaling coal mine dust. Early on, the disease may show few or no symptoms. However, it can progress and cause scarring of the lungs and shortness of breath. In advanced cases, this can lead to disability and death. The disease is not curable but it is preventable. Miners who participate in health screenings have the best chance for detecting any injuries to the lungs at an early stage, when steps can be taken to reduce further exposures to coal mine dust and prevent the disease from progressing. Under the Federal Mine Safety & Health Act of 1977, all working underground coal miners are eligible for chest x-ray screening at no cost to them. You may have already participated in this Program at some time.

In addition to helping individual miners, the health screening program provides important information about coal workers' pneumoconiosis. The prevalence of coal workers' pneumoconiosis among long-term underground miners who participated in chest x-ray screening decreased from the 1970s to the 1990s. Although still much less than in the 1970s, the prevalence of CWP among US coal miners has increased since the 1990s. CWP can occur in mines of all sizes. The more serious advanced type of disease called Progressive Massive Fibrosis (PMF) is much more prevalent among miners from underground mines with fewer than 50 workers. Miners who work in particular areas of the country, in certain mining jobs, and in these smaller mines have an increased risk of developing CWP. This Enhanced Program is seeking to find out why.

I want to encourage you to take advantage of this opportunity. Participation in the screening is BENEFICIAL, FREE, EASY, AND CONFIDENTIAL – your employer will not be notified.

WHAT:

FREE and CONFIDENTIAL Screening

WHO IS ELIGIBLE:

Any active coal miner (or former coal miner if they have at least 10 years

tenure)

WHEN/WHERE:

See enclosed schedule

HOW CAN I PARTICIPATE?

- 1. Complete the enclosed MINER IDENTIFICATION DOCUMENT (front and back).
- 2. If possible, call to schedule an appointment (1-888-480-4042).
- 3. Take the completed form to one of the locations on the enclosed schedule.
- 4. You will receive a full report by mail in approximately 8 10 weeks.

Please try to call to schedule a time for your screening. Although walk-ins will be accepted, we urge you to call 1-888-480-4042 (toll free). Calling to schedule an appointment may save you time.

If you have any questions or concerns about the Program, please contact us at the address on the top of the first page or at our toll-free number (1-888-480-4042).

The ECWHSP is intended to protect your health. **HELP US PROTECT YOU AND THE NATION'S COAL MINERS!**

Sincerely yours,

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Coal Workers' Health Surveillance Program

Workforce Screening and Surveillance Team

Surveillance Branch

Division of Respiratory Disease Studies

Enclosures

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES
UNITED STATES PUBLIC HEALTH SERVICE
CENTERS FOR DISEASE CONTROL AND PREVENTION Digital
NATIONAL INSTITUTE FOR OCCUPATIONAL SAFETY AND HEALTH COAL WORKERS' HEALTH SURVEILLANCE PROGRAM (CWHSP)
DIRECTIONS FOR X-RAY FACILITY: X-RAY FACILITY: NAME CERTIFICATION NO.
PLEASE MAKE SURE THAT ALL ITEMS ARE
COMPLETED. THEN RETURN FORM AND X-RAY
TO: NIOSH COAL WORKERS' HEALTH SURVEILLANCE
PROGRAM INIOSH CWHSP OTHER DATE OF X-RAY (MM/DD/YYYY)
PO BOX 4258 MORGANTOWN, WV 26504-4258
DIRECTIONS FOR THE MINER MINER'S SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBER PLEASE COMPLETE AND MAKE ANY CORRECTIONS TO
THE INFORMATION BELOW. (PLEASE PRINT)
MINER'S NAME (LAST) (FIRST) (MI) BIRTH DATE (MM/DD/YYYY)
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Coal Mining Job History

COAL MINER JOB MINE NAME/COMPANY					YEARS		UNDERGROUND			SURFACE
Please List in Order Any (If information is provide				ie.	Start year:	End year:	Face	Nonface	Surface	MINE
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Have You Ever Worked for More than 1 Year in Any Other Dusty Job? No Yes If Yes, please record number of years:										
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Tunneling, drilling, qua	arrying, sand	blasting	ye	ears	Welding, cu	tting, or grind	ding meta	als		years
Road construction, jac	k hammer, n	nasonry saw	ye	ears	Other dusty	job (please s	specify)			years

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FREE BLACK LUNG SCREENING

NIOSH's Mobile Occupational Safety and Health Unit will be in your area soon to conduct black lung screenings. All current and former coal miners are encouraged to stop by the mobile and participate in this free health exam. Former coal miners must have had at least 10 years in coal mining work. Typically, testing takes about 25 minutes and includes a short questionnaire, a chest x-ray, and a spirometry (breathing) test. Blood pressure screening will also be available. Although walk-ins will be accepted, miners are urged to call 1-888-480-4042 to schedule an appointment. Depending on the number of miners participating, some wait time should be anticipated.

PARTICIPATION IS FREE AND EASY RESULTS ARE COMPLETELY CONFIDENTIAL PLEASE PLAN TO PARTICIPATE

Where:	When:	Times:
Joliett Fire Company 401 Main Street Tremont, PA 17981	Tuesday, June 25, 2013 Wednesday, June 26, 2013 Thursday, June 27, 2013	10:00 am – 6:00 pm

