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Dear Sir:

The American College of Occupational and Environmental Medicine was, today, made aware of the NIOSH document, "Criteria for a Recommended Standard: Occupational Exposure to Respirable Coal Mine Dust."

The document includes provisions for medical surveillance, which is relevant to occupational medicine. As the views of the College were not previously solicited, I respectfully request that the College be given until October 13, 1993, to provide comments on this document.

I look forward to hearing from you. Please contact me at 202/223-6222.

Sincerely,

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