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Union Ensures HazMat Workers Have Option for Screenings at Yearly Exam; However, You Have to Ask

We wanted to inform you of an issue our Union has addressed that impacts our members working in HazMat (Job Codes 85505 Environmental Control Technician B, 85507 Environmental Control Technician A, 03505 Aircraft Sealant Mixer).

Last year, Boeing changed their policy on yearly Occupational Health Exams and eliminated mandatory screening labs (CBC and Chemistry panel). Members expressed concern about the removal of the screenings and asked to have them continue this laboratory surveillance.

After extensive discussion and expressing concerns brought forward by our HazMat members, Boeing agreed that screenings will be available at the yearly exams; however, the member must specifically ask for them.

This preserves your right to the screening, but makes you responsible to ask for it at your yearly health exam. When you request the screening, be prepared for Boeing Medical to require a conversation on the risks and benefits of testing against known sources and levels of exposure and the likelihood of the test to provide useful information.

We believe every member should have the option to continue these screenings and wanted you to know this is your right. The screenings provide peace of mind that working around hazardous materials every day have not negatively impacted your personal health.

Your union wanted to ensure that you have the right to have the screening free of charge at your annual exam at Boeing. The Company will not be communicating this information directly to our HazMat members; therefore, our Union wanted to be sure you receive this information.