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CCIL Developing Virtual Lab Audits and Technician Certifications During Covid-19 Restrictions

CCIL has been working diligently during the month of April to develop virtual and remote procedures for lab audit and technician certification during this extraordinary time. We realize that some of you are working on essential projects and are worried about how you will meet your project's needs.

We're currently in the final development and internal testing stages of our virtual procedure for lab auditing. The plan is to commence testing of the virtual procedure with a number of selected CCIL laboratories next week. Testing with actual labs will provide confidence and feedback to fine tune the process to ensure quality of the virtual audits. Implementation of the virtual audits Nationally is expected to commence in mid-May. The process of scheduling and responding to audits remains the same through the portal. The CCIL inspector during the process will provide lab guidance, when needed.

In addition, we're developing remote technician certification procedure which involves the use of an external program for the written exams. In addition, it also uses video conferencing platforms for the practical demonstrations. Remote examinations for basic technician certification will be rolled out as soon as possible with a target of late May. We're currently creating the exams for basic technician certification and will expand development of the written examinations to encompass all of CCIL technician certification programs. Forty percent of our inspectors are currently in training for carrying out the virtual lab audits and technician certifications and more will be trained, as may be required.

We will continue to keep you advised by email of any updates as soon as we have new information to share. All updates will also be shared on your private CCIL portal and will be posted to the CCIL website. Please stay tuned! Thank you.

Regards,

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