

## **C-readings**

The technique used for taking AMSP films is different from those used for other purposes. Therefore, a medical facility can take AMSP x-rays only after its equipment and technique have been certified by NAVENVIRHLTHCEN. This is done by submitting films for C-readings.

Routine recertification is not required. Recertification is required when the x-ray equipment is changed or significantly modified. When NAVENVIRHLTHCEN identifies a problem with film quality, recertification may be required. The procedures for recertification of equipment and technique are the same as for the initial certification.

## **AMSP Certification of the Radiology Technique and Equipment**

The following procedures must be followed by medical facilities applying for AMSP certification:

1. Facilities must submit to NAVENVIRHLTHCEN six AMSP posterior/anterior (P/A) chest films for evaluation and B-reading interpretation. Table II describes the imaging systems and x-ray technique necessary to produce the optimum interpretation quality.
2. A NAVMED 6260/7 form and Table III form must be completed and forwarded to NAVENVIRHLTHCEN with each P/A chest film. The Table III form provides information on the imaging system, type of machine, technique, processing and Quality Assurance for the consulting radiologist.
3. NAVENVIRHLTHCEN forwards the submitted films and forms to a consulting radiologist (C-reader). If the C-reader determines that the films meet the ILO 1980 classification standards, the medical facility will be certified to take AMSP films. The C-reader's interpretation of readable films will be recorded on the NAVMED 6260/7 forms.
4. The C-reader's recommendations will be conveyed via NAVENVIRHLTHCEN letter to the submitting facility with the films and completed NAVMED 6260/7 forms. This letter will either notify the facility certifying its x-ray equipment and technique, or identify reasons for denying the certification. The letter providing certification includes detailed information for obtaining delivery orders and routinely sending chest films for B-readings under the NAVENVIRHLTHCEN centrally administered contract. A certificate accompanying this approval letter should be kept and posted in the x-ray department.

Contact NAVENVIRHLTHCEN when questions arise concerning the certification status of a facility.