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То:	All Certified Participants

We hope you, your family, and your employees continue to stay safe in the weeks and months to come.

On April 14, 2020, we published Bulletin 2020-03, which outlined the rollout process for remote assessments starting on May 4, 2020. Since April 14, we have received several questions and thought it would be useful to publish Bulletin 2020-03.1 as an addendum to provide further clarification.

Don't forget that we have an FAQ section and other resources at our "Remote Assessment" page at aisc.org/certification.

In-person Site Audits

AISC has suspended all travel and in-person site audits for the foreseeable future, in accordance with the U.S. Department of State Travel Advisories, CDC Guidance, and individual states' stay-at-home orders related to COVID-19. The suspension is for both domestic and international participants. We will notify you by bulletin when in-person site audits resume.

Audits Suspended During March/April 2020

If your in-person site audit was scheduled between March 17 and May 1, 2020, AISC will contact you after June 1 with your new remote assessment date.

There is no need to contact us to request an extension; we will send the revised certificate approximately one month before your existing certificate expires.



Rescheduling of Remote Assessments

Starting June 1, 2020, our policy regarding rescheduled site audit requests per Section 4.3.1 of the *Governing Requirements for Certification Programs* (published May 5, 2020) **will apply** to remote assessments. If you have concerns, please contact us.

Participants Inside North America

Previous bulletins stated that AISC Certification would extend your certificate by three months if we were not able to maintain your in-person site audit or reschedule your date before your certificate expired. Bulletin 2020-03 supersedes these. Because remote assessments are replacing in-person site audits for the foreseeable future, we are no longer offering any extensions for participants with a scheduled date after May 4, 2020.

Please note our policy regarding rescheduled in-person site audit requests **applies** to remote assessments. If you have concerns, please contact us.

Participants Outside North America

Currently, we are not offering remote assessments to our participants outside of North American. We are working on a solution for this, and we will have more information for you at the end of June 2020.

If needed, we will issue your facility a three-month extension approximately one month before your current certificate expires.

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact AISC Certification directly at either 312.670.7520 or <u>certification@aisc.org</u>.