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RIN 1219-AB64: Proposed Rule for Lowering Miner's Exposure to Respirable Coal Mine Dust, Including Continuous Personal Dust Monitors

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MSHA  
Office of Standards, Variances & Regulations  
1100 Wilson Boulevard, Room 2350  
Arlington, VA 22209-2350

RE: RIN 1219-AB64; Proposed Rule for Lowering Miner's Exposure to Respirable Coal Mine Dust, including continuous Personal Dust Monitors

Dear Sir or Madam:

The West Virginia Coal Association (WVCA) is submitting formal request to the Mine Safety and Health Administration (MSHA) to extend the comment period with the Proposed Rule: Lowering Miners' Exposure to Respirable Coal Mine Dust, Including Continuous Personal Dust Monitors, which was issued March 8, 2011. This extension would accompany similar efforts by other coal associations as well as the efforts of the National Mining Association (NMA).

WVCA is voicing support of NMA's recent efforts seeking information, allotted under the Freedom of Information Act, in conjunction with MSHA's proposed rule. MSHA has partially denied efforts on acquiring specified data, in which NMA has decided to formally appeal this denial to the Solicitor of Labor.

WVCA is formally requesting the comment period shall not close until NMA's appeal is ruled upon, and a sixty-day extension is granted once all documents are received to ensure adequate time for review and comment.

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Sincerely,

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Vice President