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RE: RIN 1219 - AB64

**COMMENT ON MSHA'S PROPOSED RULE TO LOWER
MINERS' EXPOSURE TO RESPIRABLE COAL MINE DUST**

My name is Ronald Martin. I live in Knots County

Demary 41859. I worked as a coal miner at 17 years Henry East State Pilsa
I'm in last stage of Black Lung. Please help the
We always tried to follow the proper safety procedures at the mines. We tried to control miners

the coal dust. We hung ventilation curtains and we used water sprays to control the dust.

Despite our best efforts to control the dust, I got Black Lung. I now have a severe breathing
impairment. I use portable oxygen to breathe. I am totally disabled because of Black Lung.

*So they
want suffer
like I'm
suffer
I cant*

More must be done to protect miners from Black Lung disease. MSHA's proposed rule
is needed. Too many miners are still working in too much dust and getting Black Lung.

*Breath
But
little*

Ending Black Lung disease is very important. MSHA should act as speedily as possible.
MSHA needs to prevent young miners from getting Black Lung. These young miners are
healthy and they think that Black Lung will not be a problem for them. They do not realize the
danger working in coal mine dust. The harm from the dust is invisible and the disease progresses

*God
help
everyone.
Please*

slowly. It gradually causes the miner to feel short of breath until one day he cannot get enough
air to do his work. After the miner stops work Black Lung continues to cause injury and
eventually it causes the miner to become like I am now, with constant shortness of breath and not
enough air to climb a flight of stairs or walk a short distance on level ground.

I urge MSHA to adopt the proposed rule changes and end Black Lung.

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