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My name is Paul Burke. I live in McRoberts, Kentucky. I worked as a coal miner at Golden Oaks. We always tried to follow the proper safety procedures at the mines. WE tried to control the coal dust. WE hung ventilation curtains and we used water sprayers to control the dust. Despite our best effort to control the dust, I got Black Lung. I now have a severe breathing impairment. I used portable oxygen to breathe. I am totally disable because of Black Lung.

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

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 slowly. IT gradually causes the miners to feel short of breathe until one day he cant not 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 breathe and not enough of 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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