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General Comment

MSHA does not need to promulgate a badly thought out and worded rule set for workplace inspections, when they have a time tested and working example of workplace inspections already in play.

Vehicle inspections have been required for 30 years or more by MSHA, and the format works. It places the responsibility for safety in the hands of the right person, the person doing the work. If I operate a vehicle, I inspect it to make sure it's safe.

The same should be said of a workplace. I should inspect my workplace, because I am responsible for my safety. I would not allow another person to inspect my loader for me, I should not allow someone else to be responsible for my workplace safety.

Why invent a clunky, cumbersome system when there is a working system already in place. Every miner should inspect their workplace for safety hazards, and report them, just as we do our mobile equipment. Period. All the rest of the bells and whistles added to the process are detriments to the safe inspection and documentation of hazards.

Each employee, inspects their areas, and they either fix or report what they can't fix.

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