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General Comment

There are any number of peer reviewed articles supporting a link between sickness and exposure to DPM. There are states where the regulation is adequate. Pennsylvania and West Virginia come to mind. There are other states where there are no regulations. MSHA's standard is woefully inadequate to protect miners' health. Anything substantial for the benefit of coal miners has to be written into the approved ventilation plan to the point that it probably meets the standard for defacto rulemaking. Something should certainly be done, within reason. It would be well worth it to study the regulations of the states mentioned above. Plenty of operators use diesel in those states, so it is possible to comply and still come out ahead.

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