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General Comment

Diesel equipment has never been operated by the current rules in effect now. The equipment is only operating right when inspectors show up to inspect them. That when the good equipment is inspected first while the bad running equipment is put underground to be fixed before inspection because inspection is most of or all the time is done on surface. Most of the inspectors really are not trained enough to inspect diesel equipment. They usually let the diesel mechanic do inspection while they watch.

Black lung has really increased with diesel use, because of road way Dust inside the mines.also outside roadway dust just getting to drift mouth.Roadways are usually not watered till inspectors show up. If mines is 5 miles deep thats a lot of roadway dust miners are inhaling just on the way in and out.

The laws need to be in forced better and really diesel equipment needs to be took out of mines. Go back and start looking when black lung started increasing in the mines even with the new coal miners it was when diesel equipment stated in the mines. OSHA needs to start doing a health study on black lung when diesel equipment stated to be used underground.

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