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General Comment

Diesel exhaust IS A HUMAN CARCINOGEN and underground miners' health outcomes directly correlate to exposure time and amounts. This needs to be taken into account. Please review the data submitted by NIOSH, NCI and IARC which shows this correlation. MORE research needs to be done and complex questions answered before allowing miners to continue to work with diesel exhaust in their breathing air. New technology for safer work environments and stricter standards are needed.

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