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General Comment

Diesel fumes harms everyone underground. They are operated in neutral entry which most entries are next to the belt line .

Most of the mines used belt air at the face to Ventilation the gas and mine dust to returns. Because with out belt air most mines couldnt Ventilation the faces. Diesel fumes from the equipment used anywhere in the mines ends up in the working face areas along with the mine dust that the equipment generates in the travel ways . Ninety percent of the equipment are not maintained the way it was built to be. Not until the inspector show up to check them . I know from experience because I have worked in the mines forty years.. was a mine manger for twenty five years. The black lung disease didnt start increasing till the mines with to diesel equipment. Fumes from the equipment and the road way dust it generates affects everyone underground. You can look back years before diesel equipment black lung was on the down side. Because most mines used track and it was in the belt entry and with blowing air the dust went out by and exhaust air was dumped into return before getting to working face area.

Diesel equipment isnt safe for anyone its like sticking your Head in the exhaust of a semi truck it will kill you !

Belt air is also causing black lung along with diesel fumes.
Roadway dust is also causing more black lung than ever before.

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