CONTROL THE DUST
PREVENT BLACK LUNG

MINERS & SUPERVISORS need to:
♦ Know and understand their dust control plan.
♦ Make sure that dust controls work properly on every production shift.
♦ Repair damaged controls immediately.
♦ Follow good work practices such as working in intake air.
♦ Participate in NIOSH X-ray programs.

OPERATORS are required to:
♦ Implement effective dust controls that maintain dust levels below harmful levels during each shift.
♦ Perform on-shift examination to assure that required dust controls are in place and working properly.
♦ Conduct respirable dust monitoring under typical operating conditions.
♦ Train miners on the hazards of over-exposure to coal mine dust.

The MINE SAFETY AND HEALTH ADMINISTRATION will:
♦ Conduct frequent inspections to monitor the quality of the mine air where miners work and evaluate the operator’s dust control practices.
♦ Provide compliance assistance to achieve a healthier work environment for all miners on all shifts.
♦ Examine and promptly act on results of monitoring both dust levels and controls by designating mining operations for special health emphasis.
♦ Provide health educational materials to miners and mine operators.
♦ Promote technological developments in dust control and in dust monitoring by encouraging its development, testing, and utilization.
♦ Encourage miners to participate in medical screening programs for early detection of occupational lung disease.

Black Lung is a Preventable Disease

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