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Comments to proposed rule:

- 1) Why does MSHA feel that an increase in penalty assessment will reduce fatalities and improve miner safety and health?
- 2) Higher assessments do not seem to deter or improve the safety and health of workers who fall under OSHA jurisdiction.
- 3) If all MSHA inspectors were to get on the same page and enforce the standards equally across the industry, I feel MSHA would see the results of safer operations, improved miner safety and health, and a better trained work force.
- 4) Why make the time for a conference of a citation shorter than 10 days? There have been times when I would like to discuss a citation with a field office supervisor when a citation was written on a Monday and the inspector does not return to the field office until Friday. A citation written on a Wednesday has little chance of being ready for a conference by the following Monday.

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