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General Comment

I strongly support adoption of the proposed rule, given the alarming continuing incidence of "black lung" in coal miners. The rule not only lowers by 1/2 the permissible exposure, but provides for a reliable way of assessing the individual miner's exposure, and should address the issue of extended shifts.

Long overdue!

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