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Via email: [zzMSHA-comments@dol.gov](mailto:zzMSHA-comments@dol.gov)  
USPS

Mine Safety and Health Administration  
Office of Standards, Variances and Regulations  
1100 Wilson Blvd, Room 2350  
Arlington, VA 22209-2350

RE: RIN 1219-AB64; Proposed Rule for Lowering Miners' Exposure to  
Respirable Coal Mine Dust, including Continuous Personal Dust  
Monitors

Dear Sir or Madam:

I am writing on behalf of the members of Coal Operators & Associates, Inc. in support of the National Mining Association's (NMA) request for an extension of the comment period on the above referenced proposed rulemaking.

COA also supports NMA's basis for the request and for the comment period be extended until: (1) the Solicitor has ruled on the appeal of MSHA's FOIA request denial and (2) for an additional 60-days in the event additional documents are released in order to provide sufficient time for review and comment.

Thank you for your consideration of this request.

Sincerely,

David A. Gooch  
President

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