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To whom it may concern,

I agree with the proposal to revise the Mine Safety and Health Administration requirements for preshift, supplemental, on-shift and weekly examinations of underground coal mines. Requiring operators to identify violations of mandatory health or safety standards would improve the health and safety conditions of the mines. The Occupational and Safety Health Administration offers free On-site Consultation Program which provides advice to small and medium-sized businesses, with priority given to high-hazard worksites. Consultants from state agencies or universities work with employers to identify workplace hazards, provide advice on compliance with OSHA standards, and assist in establishing safety and health management systems. This could be the first step in assisting mine operators on how to perform, record and correct violations. It could also assist mine foremen, assistant foremen or other certified persons to properly correct violations which would in the end improve overall mandatory health and safety conditions within the mine.

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