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General Comment

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Section C. Rock Dust

19. What are the advantages, disadvantages, impact on miner health and safety, and costs of limiting rock dust to light-colored inert materials, such as limestone and dolomite?

C.19.
The color of the rock dust does NOT impact the rock dusts ability to inert an explosion.

Furthermore, the hand-held CDEM takes into account the color of the rock dust. See attached articles relating to CDEM.

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It appears that the issue of light-colored rock dust is simply a sales tactic on the part of a few rock dust suppliers to promote their lighter material over other rock dust supplier' material.

Attachments

CDEM article

CDEM field test paper