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General Comment

The delayed implementation of this ill-thought out rule change is not going to change anything. The district that oversees the mine that I work at HAS NOT PROVIDE ANY TRAINING during all the years that I have been here. They show up to write citations though. We are told that their budget does not allow them extra funds to pay for training and that their budget is for the district administrators and inspectors. The miners I work with and myself will not receive any training from our district office on this.

MSHA needs to simply withdraw this rule change due to the fact that they have not properly assessed the impact to the mine operations. I have been in mining for over 34 years and I have never seen an accident occur as a miner entered a work area. Inspecting a work area before the miner's shift is not going to change the safety aspect. It will simply put a greater financial burden on the mine operations and create an opportunity for an inspector to write citations to fund the district's budget.

MSHA should be more interested in working with the mine operations rather than just walking around with a club in hand to beat down an operation with citations. MSHA should be more focused on spending their budget to provide useful training to miners and mine operators.

WITHDRAW THIS RULE CHANGE as it will not improve safety for miners. It will result in one person going through a work area to see if it is safe rather than utilizing the combined

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experience and knowledge of all the miners in the work area to observe what is safe and the best means to mitigate the safety concern.