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## General Comment

According to a recent NPR report, the number of miners with black lung disease was 10 times what had been predicted. I have grave concerns about rolling back any regulation that protects miners' health. This needs to be forefront in the minds of any ethical business or industry. Any shortcuts taken should be fully vetted to prove that miners' health is not compromised, and since it takes years for the effects of such exposure to manifest itself, I urge the MSHA NOT to roll back this important regulation. We need to look holistically at our entire energy policy and come up with creative solutions to keep miners employed and healthy.

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