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General Comment

Please do not roll back rules which protect the health of mine workers. If we were to allow mine
owners to increase workers' exposure to coal and rock dust, it would not create more jobs but it
would increase cancer deaths.

I work in the chemical industry, which has certain hazards as well. But my employer decided
many years ago that any job worth doing is worth doing safely. Our safety statistics have
improved alongside productivity and profit improvements. I do not believe anyone who says
they need to endanger their workers in order to provide jobs or ensure shareholder returns.