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General Comment

Under the Trump administration, reconsideration of rules governing exposure of miners to
diesel exhaust is simply an attempt to weaken them so mine owners can extract every penny
from their workers and the mines, worker health be damned. If anything, precautions should be
strengthened. Especially following this so-called tax cut, mine owners will have more money to
invest in their mines (that WAS the idea, yes?) and can improve worker safety, not spend
money on lobbyists to weaken worker protections. Once the Republicans cut Medicare,
Medicaid and Obamacare and finish destroying unions, diseased mine workers will have no
recourse when they become ill from making owners zillionaires. The coal industry is dying
anyway; why do Americans have to subsidize it with their health?