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## General Comment

In my home state of Kentucky, particularly Eastern Kentucky, black lung continues to be a serious problem with no treatment that can reverse the damage it does to the lungs. Coal dust rules were made a lot stricter under President Obama, and recently we have seen rates in black lung cases decrease for the first time in decades. This initiative was a big step to help improve the safety and health of our coal miners, but it needs to be more widely available. As access for coal dust testing and lung sampling becomes easier, our miners will feel safer and be healthier. Although coal mining is damaging our environment, we need to make sure our miners' working conditions aren't going to be a detriment to their health. Their job is very important in our economy and we should treat them as such.