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## General Comment

The respirable coal dust rule in its current form protects coal miners from getting too much coal dust in their lungs, and it keeps them safer from lung disease and other diseases created by the inhalation of coal dust. The rule was enacted in 2014 by Obama. Because the effects of coal dust in the lungs can be seen years after initial inhalation, the rule must stay in place for it to be more effective. According to page 196 of MSHA's "Regulatory Economic Analysis For Lowering Miners' Exposure to Respirable Coal Mine Dust Including Continuous Personal Dust Monitors" document, no benefits would occur in under a 10 year span, meaning that the rule should be supported for thus long.

I am in support of the rule, as it has lowered the amount of coal dust in miners' lungs and it requires more time to bear the fruits of its labors.