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General Comment

I urge you to strengthen the proposed rule to specifically require periodic silica dust testing during all phases of a mine's construction and operation, and require mining companies to ventilate their mines or capture or eliminate dust. After being nearly eliminated at the end of the 20th century, black lung is now increasing among miners. This is due to technological changes and alterations in mine conditions. This is entirely due to the lack of federal regulations limiting exposure to silica. Black lung is incurable but preventable. Please strengthen these regulations and protect miners' health.