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## General Comment

I'm writing to ask the MSHA to strengthen this proposed rule. It simply doesn't go far enough to protect those working in mineral extraction. I ask that the rule specifically require periodic silica dust testing during all phases of a mine's construction and operation, and also require mining companies to ventilate their mines or capture or eliminate dust. Strong oversight, furthermore, is critical. We must stop expecting that mining companies will police themselves, or provide honest assessments of danger levels without federal oversight. We can't allow a resurgence of black lung. Please make this rule as strong as possible--your job is to protect workers, not mining companies. Thanks!