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## **General Comment**

I grew up in an area of southern Illinois where coal mining was an important industry. I also had the opportunity to witness the effects of black lung disease, a cruel and unnecessary after effect of mining.

Please 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.

Thank you.