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General Comment

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I come from a family of miners, first from South Shields, UK and later from West Virginia. Most of the men died in their 40s or 50s.

This fact makes me sensitive to the fact that Black Lung is still a killer, but now it is known that it can be prevented. The culprit is silica. The solution is mine ventilation or dust elimination.

Dust monitors should not be covered, and ventilation systems need to be in place at all times. If this is not the case, the fines and suspensions should be high and long and the public should hear about it in no uncertain terms.

Mines should do their own enforcement as well as welcome inspections regularly. Whistle blowers should not be punished, fired, or otherwise.

This is not 1910.