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General Comment

I am writing to encourage the Labor Department to strengthen the proposed rule. It is completely horrifying that black lung cases are increasing after a long period of being under control. We cannot do that to our miners. The rule should mandate silica dust testing at regular intervals throughout a mine's construction and operation. In addition, mining companies should be required to install ventilation that eliminates or traps silica dust.

Please do the right thing.