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General Comment

As a physician I'm keenly aware of the way our country has prospered by harming the bodies of the more marginalized. Thank you for this proposed rule. It needs to be strengthened. specifically, 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. We owe this protection to the workers who face these environmental harms to support our country.