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General Comment

I am an American who is concerned about the rise in black lung disease after a long period of dormancy. The time to take action is long overdue.

I am therefore asking the Department of Labor's Mine Safety and Health Administration to strengthen their proposed rule to specifically 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.

This is a simple fix that can potentially save thousands of miners' lives. Do it now!

Thank you,
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