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General Comment

Please strengthen your 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. Why? Because after a long period of dormancy, black lung cases are surging again. Please do your part to reverse the uptick of black lung disease.