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General Comment

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Support for the New Mining Regulations

It is excellent that better standards are being proposed to help miners' respiratory challenges in a most demanding profession.

Given the big reliance of the country on coal for energy, for the foreseeable future, it is important that there be increasingly better health standards for mining, as more information and knowledge, as well as technology, become available.

Mining sometimes may not seem like a very dangerous trade in terms of the air, because the particles are often too small to see with the naked eye, but their effects later in life can be quite devastating.

Without regulations like these, miners often have nobody to stand up for them and state their health concerns and yet society heavily relies on them to provide a crucial mineral for energy. Therefore, helping improve their safety through regulations like these is the least government ought to do.

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