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Comments on MSHA's proposed Rule to Lower
miners' exposure to Respirable Coal mine dust.

My name is Mrs. Clarice Howard. I live
at Little, Ky

My husband James Albert Howard worked
in the mines at Wolf Creek Collier mines
for 18 years. and also for Massuy

He always tried to follow the proper safety
procedures at the mines. He tried to help
control the Coal Dust. They had ~~had~~ Ventilation
curtains and used water spray to control the
Coal dust.

Despite the best efforts to control the dust he
still got Black Lung. He had severe breathing
impairment. We had to use portable oxygen
to breath. He was totally disabled.

MSHA's proposed rule is very much needed.
So many miners are still getting black lung.
Ending Black Lung disease is very important
MSHA should act as speedily as possible.

Black Lung Causes miners to slowly feel short of
breath and soon they can't get enough air to
live

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After the miner stops work Black Lung continues to cause injury and eventually it causes the miner to become like my husband was. Constant shortness of breath and not enough air to climb up a few steps or go for a short walk with me.

I urge MSHA to adopt the proposed rule changes and end Black Lung.

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