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In this case MSHA is following directives from liberal politicians who are fast loosing control. Go ahead and put the private coal industry out of business in the USA, and then I guess the government will take control and operate mines effectively.

Enough about your liberal socialistic politics, the truth is, there are some areas in mining which need to have the current rules specific to dust control enforced. the truth is MSHA is not capable of equitable enforcement of the current dust control law, or any other law under MSHA's jurisdiction. How do I know? I have knowledge of enforcement of MSHA Law in more than one district, and have audited mines for Safety, Health, and Environmental policy and applications in more than one district. The last one I inspected had received no MSHA citations over an extended time period, and is held by MSHA to be exemplary in the mining industry. This was not the case! I rewrote several of their programs, wrote several new programs, and set a plan in place for internal and external audits specific to Safety, Health, and Environmental controls. Dust control was one of this mines problems. I helped them fix the problem, I did not set in place a system which dumps money into bureaucrat's pockets.

Look at the open pit mining industry's record on dust related illness. Where is the problem? It is non-existent for the most part, and where it is a problem MSHA has all the regulations needed to correct the problem. Just do it, and stop trying to justify your existence by extracting more money from private industry.

MSHA knows where the dust problems exist, take care of it with the laws you have, and via existing personnel.

Your facts specific to cost of this regulation are bogus. Many small operators will go out of business. In addition, large manufactures such as the aluminum industry, which depend on electricity provided by coal fired power plants, will likely shut down more production in the USA, and send it overseas. Yes, this will happen, and just because you bureaucrats and liberal politicians think you need to justify your existence.

GET OFF PRIVATE INDUSTRY'S BACK WITH YOUR PROPOSED NEW (CHANGED) LAW, AND TAKE CARE OF THE PROBLEMS WHICH EXIST NOW _ YOU DO NOT NEED NEW OR EXPANDED LAW _ YOUR PEOPLE NEED TO GET OFF THEIR KEESTERS AND GO TO WORK DOING WHAT THE TAX PAYING PUBLIC HAS HIRED THEM TO DO. IF THEY DO, THEY WILL ELIMINATE DUST RELATED PROBLEMS IN MINING, AND BY USING CURRENT REGULATIONS AND LAW.

IF SOME OF YOU SO CALLED ADMINISTRATORS NEED TO JUSTIFY YOUR EXISTENCE, START A PROGRAM TO DUMP THE UNION INFLUENCE OVER YOUR WORKFORCE. IN ADDITION, RESIGN UNLESS YOU HAVE WORKED IN A MINE LONG ENOUGH TO COMPLETELY UNDERSTAND THE PROCESS ASSOCIATED WITH OPEN PIT AND UNDERGROUND MINING.

THE AMERICAN TAX PAYER IS FED UP WITH GOVERNMENT CONTROL. BACK UP OR THERE WILL NOT BE ANY TAXES TO SUPPORT YOU AND YOUR BUREAUCRATIC PEERS.

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