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Docket Officer
MSHA
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Dear Sir/Madam:

The National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health (NIOSH) has reviewed the Mine Safety and Health Administration proposed rule on *Underground Coal Mine Ventilation — Safety Standards for the Use of a Belt Entry as an Intake Air Course to Ventilate Working Sections and Areas Where Mechanized Mining Equipment is Being Installed or Removed* published in the *Federal Register* on January 27, 2003 [68FR 39361]. Our comments are enclosed.

Please do not hesitate to contact me at 513/533-8302 if I can be of further assistance.

Sincerely yours,

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Director

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Enclosure

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