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This proposal is another attempt by MSHA to illegally delay enforcement of a legally promulgated regulation, in clear violation of the Mine Act. Diesel particulate matter is a serious health risk in underground mines. The existing regulation gives mine operators more than enough time to reduce the levels of this cancer-causing agent that we are exposed to all day long. MSHA is funded to advocate for us, not to make our conditions worse. MSHA's continued efforts to gut its regulations and put miners at risk is intolerable. Absent a court order, MSHA must enforce this and all other regulations, even those from prior administrations.

The proposal is illegal, the rationale is total voodoo arithmetic, and the contradictions are almost laughable, but the icing on the cake is the Federal Register article itself, which is written in pure gobbledy-gook bureaucratese. If the federal government no longer has a mandate to use plain language, the very least MSHA could do is use fairly correct English.

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