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Subject: Coal mining regs - dust pumps et al

As the owner of over 37 permits and employing over 400 miners and contractors we have opinions on ideas to keep miners safe and cut abusive regulations.

1. Companies are required to use dust pumps which are horrendous, break all the time and heavy for miners to carry while MSHA carries elf pumps which are lighter, cheaper and test for more materials within dust. This needs to change.
2. Rescuers and storage rescuers are stored everywhere and never used. They are heavy for men to carry and can get caught on moving items in the Mine. We spent over 1.0 million on this last year which we could have provided to the employees in wages. We never have used one rescuer at our mines never heard of anyone using them elsewhere.
3. Rescue chambers will never be used by a coal miner. Since they have been put into regulation they have cost my company alone over \$3.0 million and they have never been used at one of our coal mines or any coal Mine for that matter.
4. Proximity detection will get men KILLED. You are asking men to rely on electrical technology in a cool damp place. Naturally men will and when it breaks they will stop using their natural instinct to stay safe and they will get killed. I hate this regulation where we are creating a false safety net which will kill people.

These regulations have been put in place due to the manufacturers lobbying efforts so they could profit at expense of the coal miner themselves.

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