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General Comment

Under the Trump administration, reconsideration of rules governing exposure of miners to diesel exhaust is simply an attempt to weaken them so mine owners can extort every penny from their workers and the mines, worker health be damned. If anything, precautions should be strengthened. Especially following this so-called tax cut, mine owners will have more money to invest in their mines (that WAS the idea, yes?) and can improve worker safety, not spend money on lobbyists to weaken worker protections. Once the Republicans cut Medicare, Medicaid and Obamacare and finish destroying unions, diseased mine workers will have no recourse when they become ill from making owners zillionaires. The coal industry is dying anyway; why do Americans have to subsidize it with their health?