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## General Comment

The safety of workers is significantly more important than profits of owners. Although the Mine Safety and Health Administration is interested in being less burdensome, mine safety is already too lax. Every possible effort must be made to protect underground miners from breathing coal and rock dust -- the cause of black lung -- and diesel exhaust, which can cause cancer. While we should always use advances in technology, innovative techniques - it should not be driven by a desire to use less costly methods. We have fought for too many decades for mine safety to let it back slide now - the regulations should be more stringent, not less.