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At what point does MSHA recognize the full value of respiratory protection and provide for the full use of respirators for compliance purposes as OSHA does?

The interim health standards were put in place in coal over 40 years ago when production was a fraction of where it is today. The approach of lowering the coal dust standard or lowering the RCS standard while maintaining an outdated approach to proper industrial hygiene practices is nonsensical.

It is time the reports of black lung or silicosis stop making the news. MSHA has within its authority to make a break-through in managing exposures to coal dust as well as silica in all types of mining.

Please don't miss the opportunity.

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