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General Comment

I have been working in the mining industry for nearly 30 years and I would like to retire from it without being forced out by a Federal agency, This proposed rule will continue to damage the mining industry and the Americans that work in it, I have raised 5 children in a single income family working in the mining industry. This proposed rule gives an unelected official far too much power to further damage the industry and creates instability to the company I work for and for my family. It will discourage further energy exploration which in my mind is the intention of the Federal Government, this makes me wonder why any American would want to damage the infrastructure and strategic ability of our great country. Our cheap energy is what has made this country great and helped us to become a super power. The federal government should be encouraging growth in the energy sector of this country rather than trying to put energy companies and the families that work for them out of business. Growth in our energy sector with inexpensive energy would do more to promote growth in this country than anything else the federal government could do. Besides the taxes and royalties that the company I work for pays the state and federal government, they also contribute money for scholarships and local charities and organizations. This would also dry up if companies are driven out of business. We as Americans need far less regulation rather than more, turn American ingenuity loose and let the economy grow. The only explanation I can see for the proposed rule change is out of pure ignorance, greed or the desire to damage this great country.