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General Comment

I support the extension of information collection for diesel particulate matter exposure in underground coal mines. Keeping track of these exposure levels is really important for protecting workers who are constantly in these environments.

Diesel particulate matter is known to cause serious respiratory issues and long-term health problems. Without consistent monitoring and reporting, it would be much harder to identify unsafe conditions and prevent harm before it happens. This kind of data is what allows safety standards to actually be enforced in a meaningful way.

From a public health perspective, this is about prevention. Making sure companies are tracking and reporting exposure helps reduce risk and protect workers over time, rather than only responding after problems occur. It also helps create accountability and keeps worker safety a priority.

I think it's important that this system continues, and that the process stays clear and manageable so that compliance is realistic but still

effective. Overall, continuing this data collection is a simple but important step in protecting worker health.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment.