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MSHA (Proposed Dust Rules)  
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I am the widow of deceased coal miner Virgil Bailey. He worked in the mines for 29 years being exposed to the dust in the mines. He had breathing problems all his life and suffered a lot after he had to quit working.

He could never get Black Lung because he suffered from other problems such as Diabetes and kidney failure. He also had heart surgery. Due to all this, they said he didn't ~~have~~ have Black Lung although he ~~worked~~ <sup>worked</sup> for 5 years and the company beat him out of it.

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If he had ~~it~~ one time, he still  
had it when he died.

As a Miners Widow, I ~~oppose~~  
the Proposed Coal Dust Rules.

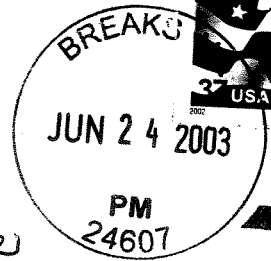
As you know, many of our  
miners, (not too old either  
are dying from complicated  
Black Lung conditions.

Please think of these  
men who work so hard  
trying to make a living  
and many of them are being  
disabled due to Black Lung  
and its effect on their lives.

Please Lower the Levels -  
Instead of Increasing them.

Sincerely  
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(Widow) Virgil Bailey  
Coal Miner

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