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To Whom It May Concern,

Most progressive companies have drug and alcohol policies in place. Random testing, testing after an accident mandatory, and suspicion are all ready operating at most all mine that I know of in the west. I can not speak for the East or Mid-West. Why does MSHA think that they should be legislating test or anything else regarding abuse. Progressive companies are using the mandatory testing for providing a safe work environment and to obtain lower insurance rates. I so not think that MSHA should be passing another rule that they will hold companies responsible for. MSHA will not hold responsible the individual, but will provide the companies with citations to comply with another rule to keep up with. I have been in the industry for 32 years and I can clearly state the this proposal for MSHA to get involved with is clearly not what the ACT call for. MSHA does not need to be involved in this area which clearly is out of their line of duties. No one in MSHA is qualified for this particular issue and should no be given authority without qualification. Let the companies continue to deal with this problem. Getting better every day. Derrel Curtis General Manager Hidden Splendor Resources Inc.

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