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To: Marvin W.Nichols Jr. From-Valley Mining Inc. Subject-Single samples

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We are a small mine of about 50 employees. We are opposed to single sampling, Multiple sampling would be more accurate.

The weather at surface mining operations are changing every day. The mobile equipment is working in different areas at the mine. Some areas are dirty and some aren't.

The MSHA Inspector- should determine which occupation to sample.

We at Valley Mining are trying to keep a Safe and Healthy work place for our employees to work. We aren't opposed to safety regulations, but sometimes we can go to far.

The price of coal doesn't always off set the cost of doing business.

Everytime a new regulation comes out it cost more money. A dollar can only go so far. If the government continues to mandate more regulations they should help finance them.

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