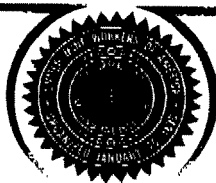


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**Re: Comments on Proposed Rule; Alternate Locking Devices  
for Plug and Receptacle-Type Connectors on Mobile  
Battery-Powered Machines**

Dear Mr. Nichols:

This letter is in response to the Federal Register notice of January 22, 2003, Volume 68, No. 14 requesting comments regarding the above-referenced Proposed Rule.

It is the United Mine Workers of America's Occupational Health and Safety Department's position that the final rule must provide and maintain the same level of protection to miners as required by Section 101(a)(9) of the Federal Mine Safety and Health Act of 1977.

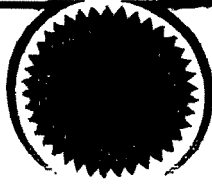
Very truly yours,

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