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Re: Draft NIOSH Criteria for a Recommended Standard:
Occupational Exposure to Respirable Coal Mine Dust

Dear Dr. Neimeier:

American Iron and Steel Institute is a not-for-profit association which represents thirty domestic member companies responsible for approximately two thirds of the raw steel production in the U.S. Our member companies also own or operate coal mines.

We have had an opportunity to review the comments submitted to NIOSH by Dr. Joseph Schwerha and the American Mining Congress and fully support their recommendations. We urge NIOSH to give their comments serious consideration when finalizing this criteria document.

Sincerely,

