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General Comment

I am in strong support of this petition for the modification of 30 CFR 75.500(d). If the proposed equipment meets or exceeds the same level of safety as that of the already approved Powered Air Purifying Respirators (PAPRs), training for the use of said equipment is properly administered, the equipment is properly vetted before each use and documented, then they should be available for use by our miners. Even more so if said alternatives better protect those miners with facial hair or who are unable to wear tight-fitting respirators. Broadening the list of approved Powered Air Purifying Respirators (PAPRs) can and should also be seen as a contingency plan for the safety of our miners in the instance something goes wrong with the already approved equipment.