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be honest,you cant take a machine.and look in side a persons chest and know how he feels or how well he beraths.yes a x ray,is a mirracle of science.but lets be real,when a person has worked nearley 25 yeaes underground,and all in the face, runing a continuous miner for the last 15 years.i went up on my black lung about 5or6 years agao and the report said my lungs looked GREAT?...) of course i have trouble breathing, wessing, spiting up crap. i first went to a lung specialest to start my papper work then he sent me for x rays because i was having trouble breathing. it was my turn to see the doctor,he put the x rays up to the light, yep look here he told me,he pointed out the white grayious color spots on the flim.he said that is ( silaco) BLACK LUNG.I or he sent the report in,i have a hard time breathing i lived in that invirment, and the only air i had to breath was field with coal dust few weeks latter i got letter in the mail telling me, good news mr Durham you have 0% rockdust-blacklung was i shure that i worked in the coal mines.but i was prepaired. that i was told buy outhere vetren miners not to exspect anything, they were told there was no such thing as black lung.sad i do worry about there solws.just last year i helped berry my friend that was on oxagin for something he didnt have eather.i dont know how thes people sleep at night.I hope they have changed the rules.god only knows the hell a man puts his body through to feed his famley and to keep the lights on and the fernences runing, for not only him self but the rest of the nation as well.it takes special breed of people to go miles under ground work in a 30 or 40 inch seam with mud water dust ect.we just want what we deserve no more no less.think about that the next time you turn a light on or crank up the heat.....proud miner D durham