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DEPARTMENT OF LABOR

Mine Safety and Health Administration

30 CFR Part 71

[Docket No. MSHA–2026–0200]

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Respirable Crystalline Silica and Respiratory Protection

AGENCY: Mine Safety and Health Administration (MSHA), Department of Labor.

ACTION: Proposed rule; correction.

SUMMARY: The Mine Safety and Health Administration (MSHA) is correcting an error in the "Respirable Crystalline Silica and Respiratory Protection" proposed rule that was published in the *Federal Register* on November 12, 2026. The proposed rule clarifies and modifies provisions of MSHA's respirable crystalline silica and respiratory protection standards.

DATES: This correction is effective [INSERT DATE OF PUBLICATION IN THE ***FEDERAL REGISTER***].

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: In a proposed rule published on November 12, 2026, at 91 FR 73062, MSHA proposed to clarify and modify provisions of the respirable crystalline silica and respiratory protection standards in 30 CFR part 60. The proposal included conforming amendments in 30 CFR parts 56, 57, 71, and 72. The proposed conforming amendment in 30 CFR 71.700(a) removes an outdated reference to respirable dust containing quartz and replaces it with respirable crystalline silica. This document corrects the proposed revision to the regulatory text in 30 CFR 71.700(a).

Correction

In FR Doc. 2026-23048 appearing in the first column on page 73132 in the issue of November 12, 2026 (91 FR 73062), paragraph (a) of § 71.700 is corrected to read as follows:

§ 71.700 Inhalation hazards; threshold limit values for gases, dust, fumes, mists, and vapors. [Corrected]

(a) No operator of an underground coal mine and no operator of a surface coal mine may permit any person working at a surface installation or surface worksite to be exposed to airborne contaminants (other than respirable coal mine dust, respirable crystalline silica, and asbestos dust) in excess of, on the basis of a time-weighted average, the threshold limit values adopted by the American Conference of Governmental Industrial Hygienists in "Threshold Limit Values of Airborne Contaminants" (1972), which is hereby incorporated by reference and made a part hereof. Excursions above the listed threshold limit values shall not be of greater magnitude than is characterized as permissible by the conference. This paragraph does not apply to airborne contaminants given a "C" designation by the conference in the document. This document is available for examination at MSHA's Office of Standards, Regulations, and Variances, 200 Constitution Avenue NW, Washington, DC 20210; 202-693-9440; and at every Mine Safety and Health Enforcement District Office. Copies of the document may be purchased from the American Conference of Governmental Industrial Hygienists, 1330 Kemper Meadow Drive, Attn: Customer Service, Cincinnati, OH 45240; 513-742-2020; *http://www.acgih.org*.

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