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Silica crystalline very small dust is the new asbestos, let's halt the mining and transfer industries till there is confidence in the proper handling and control of this known hazardous material.
With people around the state that live near rail yard and rail lines there is real potential for fine silica particulates to be in the air and end up in the ground water.
Some exposure is inevitable .
We need monitoring that will detect the finest dust, 3 microns and less. These need to be at a minimum at loading zones, preferably along rail beds as well, and measurements need to be by an independent firm selected by the state not the industries. Thank You