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In this episode, Chris and Arthur discuss one of the discretionary tools in MSHA's toolbox: impact inspections. Although not new, impact inspections have made a comeback recently with the current MSHA regime. While MSHA is authorized to conduct impact inspections at any time and at any mine, if unprepared, an operator facing an impact inspection could find itself in a precarious position. This episode reviews what an impact inspection is, what steps MSHA may legally take, and what safeguards it must afford mine operators. It also discusses how operators can best prepare in case this surprise event becomes a reality.

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