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When a ring  $R$  has positive characteristic, the nature of the singularities of  $R$  can be often understood by analyzing the Frobenius structure of the local cohomology modules of  $R$ . For instance, a local ring  $R$  of dimension  $d$  is said to be weakly F-nilpotent if its local cohomology modules  $H_{\mathfrak{m}}^i(R)$  are nilpotent with respect to the canonical Frobenius action for  $i < d$ . Recent work of Kyle Maddox and Lance E. Miller gives sufficient conditions so that weakly F-nilpotent singularities are preserved under various geometric constructions, like gluing, Segre products and Veronese subrings. In this talk, I will present our current understanding of how weakly F-nilpotent singularities behave under blow-ups. This is part of ongoing joint work with Kyle Maddox and Lance E. Miller. (Received August 26, 2021)