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Mr. George T. Levo
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Dear Mr. Levo:

Subject: Mine Ventilation Plan, Section 75.370, 30 CFR 75, Upper Big Branch Mine-South, I.D. No. 46-08436, Performance Coal Company, Montcoal, Raleigh County, West Virginia

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The revision is hereby approved and will be made a part of the approved plan for this mine.

Should you have any questions concerning this matter, please contact Mr. William Ross in the Ventilation Department at (304) 877-3900/Ext. 142.

Sincerely,

/S/ JESSE P. COLE

Jesse P. Cole
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SUPERVISORY ACKNOWLEDGEMENT
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A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Jesse Cole".

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July 18, 2006

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RE: Performance Coal Company - Upper Big Branch Mine-South
Federal I.D. 46-08436, State I. D. U-3042-92 – Ventilation Plan

Dear Mr. Cole:

Performance Coal Company, Upper Big Branch Mine-South (ID 46-08436), is submitting the attached plan for recovering the longwall from Panel 16A. Attached are two maps, one showing the proposed ventilation changes to be done to establish the longwall recovery ventilation. The other shows the ventilation after the longwall has been recovered along with locations of the permanent EP's. The EP's behind the longwall will be made weekly after the longwall recovery is complete.

Attached also is a map showing the mine floor elevations isopached on 2' contour intervals. This indicates that accumulations of water will not roof at the EP locations that are behind the longwall.

The longwall will not be reinstalled in this mine until some time in the future.

Your timely review and approval of this revision would be greatly appreciated. If you have any questions, or require further information, please call me at (304) 854-1761.

Respectfully Submitted,

Performance Coal Co.
George T. Levo
Mining Engineer

