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Mine Safety and Health Administration  
100 Bluestone Road  
Mount Hope, WV 25880-1000



APR 10 2007

Mr. Chris Blanchard  
President  
Performance Coal Company  
P. O. Box 69  
Naoma, WV 25140

Dear Mr. Blanchard:

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

This will acknowledge receipt of a revision to the ventilation plan, submitted to this office and dated March 28, 2007, showing the proposed ventilation, for the Unit 1 section, change from sweep to split air. The change is to be accomplished by utilizing the return overcasts constructed at Break #68 in the Parallel North Mains. The revision is shown on a portion of the mine map, dated March 24, 2007, and submitted with the revision request.

The revision is hereby approved and will be made a part of the approved plan for this mine. This approval is limited to the requested change as described in the submittal letter and shown on the map.

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

Sincerely,

/s/ Richard J. Kline

Robert G. Hardman  
District Manager  
Coal Mine Safety and Health, District 4

cc: Mt. Hope Field Office  
Field Office Supervisor  
Inspector  
Files/dac

Initials

BR 4-10-07

Date

SUPERVISORY ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

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A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Robert G. Hardman", is written over the typed name.

Robert G. Hardman  
District Manager  
Coal Mine Safety and Health, District 4



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Mr. Robert G. Hardman  
Acting District Manager  
Mine Safety and Health Administration  
100 Bluestone Road  
Mt. Hope, West Virginia 25880-0112

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

Dear Mr. Hardman:

Performance Coal Company, Upper Big Branch Mine-South (ID 46-08436), is requesting approval to change the ventilation on the UBB Unit 1 section from sweep ventilation to split ventilation. Attached is a map of a portion of the mine map showing the area where the air changes to split ventilation. Split ventilation will be accomplished by putting into service the overcasts at #68 crosscut in Parallel North Mains.

If you have any questions, or require further information, please call me at (304) 854-1761.

Respectfully Submitted,

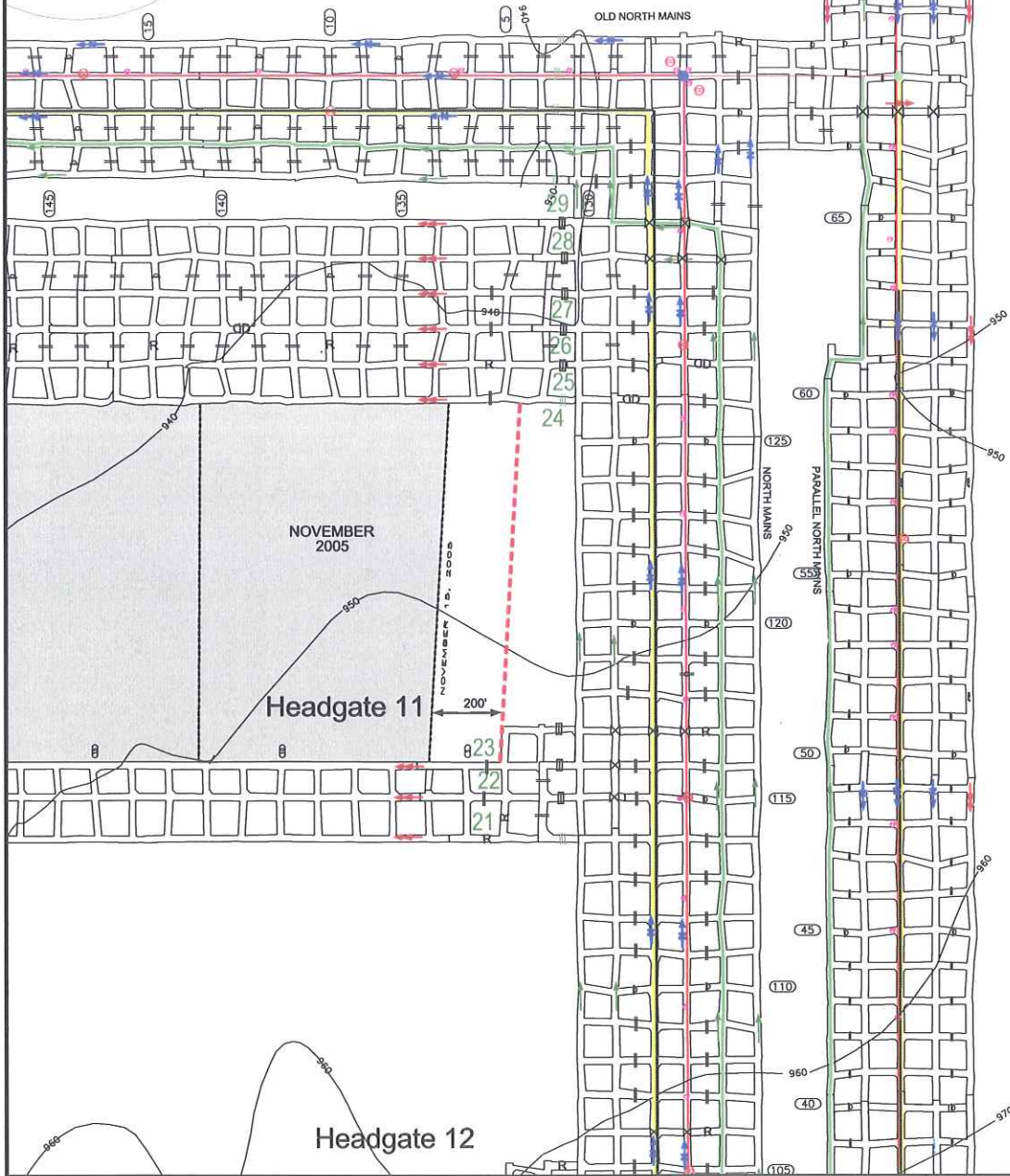
Performance Coal Co.  
George T. Levo  
Mining Engineer







MSHA  
 MT. HOPE FIELD OFFICE  
 MAR 29 2007  
 RECEIVED  
 VENTILATION



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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>INTAKE AIR</li> <li>SECONDARY INTAKE AIR</li> <li>RETURN AIR</li> <li>PRIMARY ESCAPEWAY</li> <li>ALTERNATE ESCAPEWAY</li> <li>PROPOSED BELT</li> <li>EXISTING BELT</li> <li>PROPOSED 6" BELT</li> <li>PROPERTY LINES</li> <li>200' TEST DRILL LINE</li> <li>100' COVER BOUNDARY</li> <li>APPROVED MINE LIMIT LINE</li> <li>TRACK</li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>BOX CHECK</li> <li>MAN DOOR</li> <li>ACTIVE OR INACTIVE GAS WELL</li> <li>PLUGGED GAS WELL</li> <li>PERMANENT STOPPINGS</li> <li>PROPOSED STOPPINGS</li> <li>AUGER WORKS</li> <li>AUGER AREA</li> <li>CHECK CURTAIN</li> <li>PROPOSED WET SEALS</li> <li>RAILROAD</li> <li>POWER LINES</li> <li>PERMANENT CONTROL MONUMENTS</li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>FAN</li> <li>WET SEALS</li> <li>PROPOSED BELT HEAD</li> <li>BELT HEAD</li> <li>OVERCAST</li> <li>AIRLOCK DOOR</li> <li>REGULATOR</li> <li>ADJACENT MINING</li> <li>COAL CONTOURS</li> <li>WATER</li> <li>STREAM</li> <li>INTERMITTENT STREAM</li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>ROADS</li> <li>TRAILS</li> <li>GAS LINES</li> <li>CORE HOLE</li> <li>PROPOSED PRIMARY ESCAPEWAY</li> <li>PROPOSED ALTERNATE ESCAPEWAY</li> <li>EXISTING C.O. MONITOR</li> <li>BONDED AREA (PERMITTED)</li> <li>PUNCHOUT (NOT PERMITTED)</li> </ul> |
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 P.O. BOX 69, NAOMA, WV 25140

**UPPER BIG BRANCH MINE**

M.S.H.A. ID No. 46-08436	WV ID No. U-3042-92
DATE: 03-24-2007	SCALE: 1"= 400'
DRAWN BY: RL 3 Staff	CHECKED BY: TT

**VENTILATION REVISION**