

U. S. Department of Labor

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



JUL 27 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 the annual ventilation map, dated March 31, 2007, and received by MSHA on April 30, 2007, for the subject mine. The ventilation plan continues to be approved and includes the following revision: **Typical face sketch for retreat mining.**

The following items, which you included on the map, are approved under Section 75.371: **Existing and proposed evaluation points as shown on the map, both underground and surface.**

All newly installed seals must comply with the Emergency Temporary Standard effective May 22, 2007.

You are reminded that pursuant to Section 75.372, three copies of an up-to-date mine map shall be submitted to this office **February 14, 2008.**

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

Sincerely,

W ROBERT G. HARDMAN

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

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

SUPERVISORY ACKNOWLEDGEMENT
BR 7-26-07
Initials Lec/Ext 7/26/07 Date
ROA 7/26/2007

U. S. Department of Labor

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



JUL 27 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 the annual ventilation map, dated March 31, 2007, and received by MSHA on April 30, 2007, for the subject mine. The ventilation plan continues to be approved and includes the following revision: **Typical face sketch for retreat mining.**

The following items, which you included on the map, are approved under Section 75.371: **Existing and proposed evaluation points as shown on the map, both underground and surface.**

All newly installed seals must comply with the Emergency Temporary Standard effective May 22, 2007.

You are reminded that pursuant to Section 75.372, three copies of an up-to-date mine map shall be submitted to this office **February 14, 2008.**

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

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Robert G. Hardman". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial "R".

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

75.372 Annual Ventilation Map Checklist - Revised December 2004

Company Name Performance Coal Company Mine Name URB MSHA ID # 46-0843L
 Annual map due date 4-14-07 Date annual map received 4-30-07

George Levo
Rick Hodge

- Certified (sealed and signed) accurate by a registered engineer or registered land surveyor
- Name of individual responsible for information on map not obtained by certifying engineer or surveyor - such as air quantities, qualities or direction commonly obtained by mine personnel
- The map or map legend must at least indicate the following:
 - 1) the mine name, company name and MSHA identification number
 - 2) map scale - not less than 100 or more than 500 feet to the inch 1"=500
 - 3) description of the map symbols used to identify escapeways, mine fans, air flow, or any other item on the map designated by a symbol
- Direction and quantity of air: 1) entering and leaving each split, 2) in the LOC of each set of entries and rooms, and 3) at the intake end of each pillar line (including longwall and shortwall)
- Entry height, velocity and air direction at or near the midpoint of each belt flight (where the height and width of the belt entry is representative)
- All areas of the mine including sealed and unsealed worked-out areas
- Projections for at least 12 months of development showing proposed ventilation controls, bleeder systems, anticipated intake and return air courses, belt entries and escapeways
- The direction of air flow in all underground areas of the mine
- Location and designation of air courses changed from intake to return for the purpose of ventilating structures, areas or installations required to be ventilated with return air and for the ventilation of seals
- Location of all permanent ventilation controls - stoppings, overcasts, undercasts, regulators, seals, airlock doors, and any other door
- Location of proposed seals for each worked-out area
- Location of all known mine works (same coalbed) within 1000' of existing or *projected* works - this may be shown on a separate mine map with a scale no greater than 1"=2000'
- Location (and 4 digit MMU #) of all active working sections see map
- Location of all escapeways
- Locations of existing methane drainage systems
- Locations of all AMS (atmospheric monitoring system) sensors, including all CO sensors or smoke sensors as required by Subpart D (Ventilation)
- Location of point-feed regulators as per 75.350(d)(5)
- Location of all known overlying and underlying mine workings on the mine property (and the distance between them) submitted with original plan
- Location of all known oil and gas wells and drill holes that penetrate the coalbed being mined
- Location and description of all main and back-up mine fans - specifications including size, type, model #, manufacturer, operating pressure, motor HP and RPM required
- Location of all surface openings and the direction and quantity of airflow at each
- The dimensions, depth and length of each shaft and slope
- Elevations provided at the following locations:
 - 1) at the top and bottom of slopes and shafts
 - 2) elevation contour lines (whole numbers, max. of 10' intervals, unless otherwise approved)
- Any other information used to depict and explain the requirements of the 75.371 plan contents

N/A
N/A
N/A
N/A

10'
Blowing
12065P
6.4" WS

Note: Three (3) copies of an up-to-date map are required to be submitted to the District Manager at intervals not exceeding 12 months. The map required by 75.1100 may be used to satisfy the requirements for the 75.372 ventilation map, provided that all the information listed above is contained on the map.



Performance Coal Company

P.O. Box 69

Naoma, WV

25140

April 30, 2007

Mr. Robert G. Hardman
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 - Annual Ventilation Map

Dear Mr. Hardman:

Enclosed are three (3) copies of the Upper Big Branch annual ventilation map and one copy of the overlay map, ID 46-08436 for your review and approval. The details and particulars of the proposed bleeder for the Lower Big Branch room and pillar area will be submitted under separate cover in the near future.

The maps reflect a change in the North Mains ventilation where the intake was changed from the right side (#5) entry to #2 entry and the return changed from #1 and #2 entries to just #1 entry.

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

