

U. S. Department of Labor

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



MAY 16 2008

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 May 14, 2008. The revision is requesting to maintain permanent stoppings up to, but not including, the third connecting crosscut outby the working face. A minimum of 13,500 CFM of air volume in the last open crosscut will be maintained when the last open crosscut is three crosscuts inby the last permanent stopping. A minimum of 9,000 CFM will be maintained in the last open crosscut when it is one or two crosscuts inby the last permanent stopping.

This 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 the Ventilation Department at (304) 877-3900/Ext. 142.

Sincerely,

*RGH* ROBERT G. HARDMAN

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

cc: Mt. Hope Field Office  
Inspector  
Field Office Supervisor  
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SUPERVISORY ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

Initials *DSM*  
Date *5-16-08*

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A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Robert G. Hardman".

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



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April 28, 2008

**Mr. Robert G. Hardman**  
Mine Safety and Health Administration  
100 Bluestone Road  
Mt. Hope, WV 25880

**Mr. Steve Snyder**  
WV Office of Miners' Health, Safety, & Training  
142 Industrial Drive  
Oak Hill, WV 25901

**Re: Upper Big Branch Mine**  
**MSHA ID 46-08436**  
**State Permit U-3042-92**  
**Ventilation Revision**

Dear Sir:

Performance Coal Company, Inc. is requesting approval of a three open cross cut revision for the Upper Big Branch Mine. For this request, permanent stoppings will be maintained up to, but not including, the third connecting crosscut outby the working face. In order to ensure that adequate ventilation is maintained, a minimum of 13,500 cfm will be maintained in the last open crosscut when the last open crosscut is three breaks inby the last permanent stopping. A minimum of 9,000 cfm will be maintained in the last open crosscut, as required with one or two open breaks.

Should you have any questions concerning this matter, please contact me at your convenience.

At this time, Performance Coal Company, Inc. does not have a miners' representative at this mining operation.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Performance Coal Company

Matthew Walker  
Mine Engineer

**MSHA**  
**MOUNT HOPE, WV**

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