

U. S. Department of Labor

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



JAN 07 2009

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 December 15, 2008 (revising the original submittal letter dated October 22, 2008), showing the proposed ventilation and the controls to be installed/removed, in order to add a new mining section (062-0 and 063-0 MMUs) in the No. 1 North Belt area of the subject mine. The revision is shown on a portion of the mine map, dated December 15, 2008, and submitted with the request.

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 as shown on the map.

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

Sincerely,

/s/ ROBERT G. HARDMAN

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

Cc: Mt. Hope Field Office (3incl.)
Files/nlc

SUPERVISORY ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

rac 1/6/09
Initials gm 1/5 Date

U. S. Department of Labor

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



JAN 07 2009

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 December 15, 2008 (revising the original submittal letter dated October 22, 2008), showing the proposed ventilation and the controls to be installed/removed, in order to add a new mining section (062-0 and 063-0 MMUs) in the No. 1 North Belt area of the subject mine. The revision is shown on a portion of the mine map, dated December 15, 2008, and submitted with the request.

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 as shown on the map.

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

Sincerely,

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

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



Performance Coal Company

P.O. Box 69

Naoma, WV

25140

December 15, 2008

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

RE: Upper Big Branch
MSHA ID: 46-08436
Ventilation Revision

Dear Sir:

Please find for your review and approval, the attached ventilation revision for the Upper Big Branch Mine. This revision is to install an additional continuous miner section in the No. 1 North Belt area of the mine.

A drawing is attached showing the location and the ventilation for the startup of the fourth section. The new section will utilize split air. MMU 062-0 and MMU 063-0 will be activated for this section. Proposed air readings are included on the drawing. The fan supplying air to this proposed section is capable of producing up to 450,000 CFM.

At this time, Performance Coal Company does not have a miners' representative at this location. If you should have any further questions or need additional information please feel free to contact me at 304-854-3516.

Respectfully submitted,
Performance Coal Co.

Eric Lilly
Mine Engineer

MSHA
MOUNT HOPE, WV

DEC 15 2008

RECEIVED
VENTILATION



Performance Coal Company

P.O. Box 69

Naoma, WV

25140

October 22, 2008

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

RE: Upper Big Branch
MSHA ID: 46-08436
Ventilation Revision

*Void - resubm.
new letter/maps on 12-15-08*

Dear Sir:

Please find for your review and approval, the attached ventilation revision for the Upper Big Branch Mine. This revision is to install an additional continuous miner section in the No. 1 North Belt area of the mine.

A drawing is attached showing the location and the ventilation for the startup of the fourth section. The new section will utilize split air. MMU 062-0 and MMU 063-0 will be activated for this section. Proposed air readings are included on the drawing.

At this time, Performance Coal Company does not have a miners' representative at this location. If you should have any further questions or need additional information please feel free to contact me at 304-854-3516.

Respectfully submitted,
Performance Coal Co.

Eric Lilly
Mine Engineer

MSHA
MOUNT HOPE, WV

OCT 23 2008

RECEIVED
VENTILATION