

U. S. Department of Labor

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



OCT 31 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  
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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 ventilation plan for this mine. This approval is limited to the requested change as described in the submittal letter and shown on the sketch.

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

Sincerely,

*ROBERT G. HARDMAN*

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

cc: Mt. Hope Field Office  
Inspector  
Field Office Supervisor (Letter Only)  
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SUPERVISORY ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

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

\* \* \* COMMUNICATION RESULT REPORT ( OCT. 31. 2008 9:31AM ) \* \* \*

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FAX HEADER 2:TRANSMITTED/STORED : OCT. 31. 2008 9:30AM  
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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 a fan at the UBB South portals and add a third miner section on East Mains.

A drawing is attached showing the location of the proposed fan and the ventilation for the startup of the East Mains section. The new section will utilize split air. MMU 060-0 and MMU 061-0 will be activated for this section. Proposed air readings and fan specifications 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 304-854-1761.

Respectfully submitted,  
Performance Coal Co.

Matthew Walker  
Mine Engineer

MSHA  
MOUNT HOPE, WV

OCT 23 2008

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