

U. S. Department of Labor

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



MAY 10 2006

Mr. Craig Boggs
President
Performance Coal Company
P. O. Box 69
Naoma, WV 25140

Dear Mr. Boggs:

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 10, 2006, requesting to increase the quantity of air, directed outby in the tailgate entries of the active Headgate 16A Panel, (031-0 MMU) to a maximum of 65,000cfm. As stated in your submittal letter, the tailgate split point will be maintained and at no time will the pressure on the gob area be compromised. The revision is depicted on a portion of the mine map, dated May 8, 2006, and submitted with the request.

This revision is hereby approved and will be made a part of the approved plan for this mine.

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

Sincerely,

/S/ JESSE P. COLE

Jesse P. Cole
District Manager
Coal Mine Safety and Health, District 4

cc: Mount Hope Field Office
Field Office Supervisor (Letter Only)
Inspector
Files/llr

SUPERVISORY ACKNOWLEDGEMENT
Initials *BR* 5-10-06
Date *5/10/06*

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Jesse P. Cole
District Manager
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Mr. Jesse Cole
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 Addendum

Dear Mr. Cole:

Please find enclosed maps which show the active longwall panel and evaluation points across the gob.

This addendum is to reflect that the tailgate split point will be maintained and at no time will compromise pressure on the gob area and that the quantity going outby will not exceed 65,000 cfm.

Also all previously approved addendums will be adhered to.

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

Respectfully Submitted,

Performance Coal Co.
Timothy W Tyree



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5/10/06