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100 Bluestone Road
Mount Hope, WV 25880-1000



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Mr. Bill Potter
President
Performance Coal Company
P. O. Box 69
Naoma, WV 25140

Dear Mr. Potter:

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 October 27, 2005, which shows the proposed ventilation during the recovery of Longwall Panel 11A, the proposed ventilation for Longwall Panel 15A setup and the proposed ventilation and evaluation of Longwall Panel 15A during mining. The revision request is accompanied by three (3) maps, dated October 27, 2005, that detail portions of the mine for the proposed changes.

The 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 L. Ross at (304) 877-3900/Ext. 142.

Sincerely,

/s/ Richard J. Kline

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

cc: Mt. Hope Field Office (3 encl.)
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SUPERVISORY ACKNOWLEDGEMENT
Initials *BR* Date *11-10-05*
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A handwritten signature in black ink, which appears to read "Richard J. Cole", is written over the typed name of Jesse P. Cole.

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



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October 27, 2005

Mr. Jesse P. Cole
District Manager
Mine Safety and Health Administration
100 Bluestone Road
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RE: Performance Coal Company - Upper Big Branch Mine-South
Federal I.D. 46-08436, State I. D. U-3042-92 – Ventilation Plan

Dear Mr. Cole:

Performance Coal Company, Upper Big Branch Mine-South (ID 46-08436), is submitting the Panel 11A pullout ventilation plan, Panel 15A set-up ventilation plan and proposed ventilation for Panel 15A during mining. The proposed ventilation schemes for the above are shown on the three attached drawings.

Upon start up of the longwall in Panel 15A, a reevaluation of the entire longwall bleeder system will be made. This will include quantity, quality and direction of all air entering the bleeder system including all EP's at or near the mouths of all longwall headgates and any other air entering the bleeder from returns from continuous miner sections. A sketch showing all EP's and all other areas where air enters the longwall bleeder system will be submitted to MSHA. This sketch will show quantity and air direction at all these locations.

The EP's that have been added in Headgate 14 inby the Panel 14A set-up face and the one on the Panel 14A set-up face will be maintained for the duration of this bleeder system being active.

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