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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 November 1, 2005, which shows the proposed controls to be built and removed in order to convert a portion of the entries, paralleling the North Mains (the old Lower Big Branch Section), to intake air. The proposal is shown on a portion of the mine map, also dated November 1, 2005, and submitted with the request.

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,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jesse P. Cole". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial "J" and a long horizontal stroke at the end.

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

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/s/ Richard J. Kline

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cc: Mt. Hope Field Office (3 encl.)
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SUPERVISORY ACKNOWLEDGEMENT
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November 1, 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 attached plan for using a portion of the entries of the Lower Big Branch section to supplement the main intake for UBB Mine. This will increase the ventilating quantity for the mine and reduce leakage on the current main intake. Also included are relocation of doors and a belt feed point along the mainline track as shown on the attached map.

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

