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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*  
*RJ* *11/14/05*  
*RR 11-15-05*

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/s/ JESSE P. COLE

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District Manager  
Coal Mine Safety and Health, District 4

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A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Jesse Cole", is written over a horizontal line.

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



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November 15, 2005

Mr. Jesse P. Cole  
District Manager  
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 Plan

Dear Mr. Cole:

Performance Coal Company, Upper Big Branch Mine-South (ID 46-08436), plans to mine a portion of Panel 16 longwall that was previously written off as being unmineable. We are submitting the attached plans for mining of the set-up face from Headgate 16 to Headgate 15. Mining will be done in two phases. Phase One will be mined without a section belt until the section is in two crosscuts. Phase Two will show the ventilation for the remaining mining with a section belt installed. All the proposed changes shown on Phase One are shown as having been made on the Phase Two map.

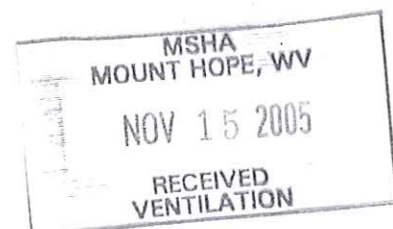
EP 41 will be relocated inby as shown on the attached maps.

The three entries will be cut through on an idle shift unless a controlled cut-through is constructed on the Headgate 15 side.

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



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\*\*\* TX REPORT \*\*\*  
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## FAX MESSAGE

**TO:** George Levo  
**FROM:** Doris Chambers  
**DATE:** 12/7/2005  
**SUBJECT:** Attached approval for 4608436.

**PAGES INCLUDING COVER SHEET:** 2

*May your day be Blessed!*

*Ventilation Department:*

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