

September 7, 2005

Mr. Jesse Cole
District Manager
Mine Safety and Health Administration
100 Bluestone Road
Mount Hope, WV 25880

RE: Upper Big Branch Mine
State ID - U-3042-92
M.S.H.A. ID 46-08436
Revised Ventilation Supplement for Coal Transfer Shaft

Dear Mr. Cole,

Enclosed please find a revised page 1 of a ventilation supplement (Original dated August 6, 2005). Our original plan stated that the pilot hole would be completed prior to mining the area in the Eagle seam (Upper Big Branch mine). Delays in the drilling of the pilot hole have made it necessary to mine the area of the Transfer Shaft in the Eagle seam before the pilot hole has been completed. Our original plan also stated that a packer would be set above the Castle mine while the drill rods were changed out. Our plan now states that the drill hole will be cased off from all voids above. We will not be setting a packer while the drill rods are changed. The attached page has been revised to show these changes.

If you should need any additional information or have any further question please feel free to contact me at the above referenced phone number.

Sincerely,



Timothy W. Tyree
Mine Engineer