

January 9, 2007

Mr. Robert G. Hardman
Acting 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. Hardman:

Performance Coal Company, Upper Big Branch Mine-South (ID 46-08436), on October 11, 2006 submitted a request to change from split to sweep ventilation in Headgate 18 north. This letter hereby rescinds that request.

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



## Performance Coal Company

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October 11, 2006

Mr. Robert G. Hardman Acting 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. Hardman:

Performance Coal Company, Upper Big Branch Mine-South (ID 46-08436), is requesting approval to change the HG 18 north section ventilation from split to sweep ventilation. This will give the section two separate air courses with multiple common entries that will make it safer to make the weekly exam for that area.

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.

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