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December 20, 2007

Mr. Robert G. Hardman
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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:

On August 10, 2007, Performance Coal Company, Upper Big Branch Mine-South (ID 46-08436), requested approval to convert a portion of North Mains #5 entry from neutral to return for a distance of 500'. We are hereby rescinding that request.

If you have any questions, or require further information, please call me at (304) 854-1761.

Respectfully Submitted,

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George T. Levo
Mining Engineer



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Dear Mr. Hardman:

Performance Coal Company, Upper Big Branch Mine-South (ID 46-08436), requests approval to convert a portion of North Mains #5 entry from neutral to return for a distance of 500'. This is being done to be able to mine around gas well POC 18A and leave adequate pillars in place to protect the gas well. The proposed changes are 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.

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