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May 14, 2008

Mr. Robert G. Hardman
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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. Hardman:

On or about April 9, 2008, Performance Coal Company, Upper Big Branch Mine-South (ID 46-08436), requested approval to make a three phased ventilation revision in a panel in Lower Big Branch that was mining toward a punchout. 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
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Dear Mr. Hardman:

Performance Coal Company, Upper Big Branch Mine-South (ID 46-08436), is requesting approval for a three phase project. We are driving entries to a punchout. The entries will not be punched outside from underground. They will be mined to the point where the highwall will cut into them once it is permitted. Phase 1 of this plan is the ventilation just prior to completion of mining at the punchout. Phase 2 shows the proposed changes to be made when mining is complete and before the highwall is started. Phase 3 shows additional changes to be made after the highwall is complete to bleed intake air out the new highwall.

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