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**Re: Upper Big Branch Mine
MSHA ID: 46-08436
State Permit: U-3042-92
Ventilation Plan Rescind**

Dear Sir:

Performance Coal Company would like to rescind a previously submitted revision to our ventilation plan for the Upper Big Branch Mine. This revision, dated November 21, 2008, was submitted to change the airflow direction and the airway type in the Parallel North Mains panel and the old Unit #2 working sections to the right of the Parallel North Mains.

If you have any questions or concerns on this matter, please feel free to contact me at your convenience.

Respectfully submitted,
Performance Coal Company, Inc.

Eric Lilly
Mine Engineer

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