

Denial

U. S. Department of Labor

Mine Safety and Health Administration  
100 Bluestone Road  
Mount Hope, WV 25880-1000



MAR 26 2010

Mr. Chris Blanchard  
President  
Performance Coal Company  
P. O. Box 69  
Naoma, WV 25140

MAR 29 2010

Dear Mine Operator:

Subject: Mine Ventilation Plan, Section 75.370, 30 CFR 75, Upper  
Big Branch Mine - South, I.D. No. 46-08436, Performance  
Coal Company, Montcoal, Raleigh County, West Virginia

This will acknowledge receipt of a revision to the ventilation plan, submitted to this office and dated March 5, 2010. This revision requests to install and remove ventilation controls for the purpose of mining Track Mains (MMU-042) off of LBB 2 #4 Mains.

This revision does not follow the previous 6-phase revision which was approved on February 16, 2010. The neutral aircourse shown on the submitted maps is not to exist until the approved Phase 5, and the return aircourse for the headgate develop section appears to mix with the intake. Because this revision does not coincide with the previously approved revision, this revision cannot be approved. If you seek to modify the February 16, 2010 revision, then please resubmit all 6 phases to reflect the changes contained within this revision.

Should you have any questions concerning this matter, please contact the Ventilation Department at (304) 877-3900/Ext. 142.

Sincerely,

/s/ ROBERT G. HARDMAN

Robert G. Hardman  
District Manager  
Coal Mine Safety and Health, District 4

cc: Mt. Hope Field Office  
Inspector  
Field Office Supervisor  
Files/nlc

SUPERVISORY ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

Initials RLC Date 3/25/10  
Initials ym Date 3/25/10



MAR 26 2010

Mr. James J Meadows  
Safety Manager  
Eastern Associated Coal Corp.  
HCR 78, Box 113  
Wharton, WV 25208

Dear Mine Operator:

Subject: Mine Ventilation Plan, Section 75.370(a)(1), 30 CFR 75,  
Harris No. 1 Mine, I.D. No. 46-01271, Eastern Associated Coal,  
Corp, Wharton, Boone County, West Virginia

This will acknowledge receipt of a revision to the ventilation plan, submitted to this office February 05, 2010 and revised March 24, 2010. The revision requests the development of 1 West 0 Left Section, with a rehabilitation plan and safety precautions to be followed during any rehabilitation that takes place in the 1 West Mains after cutting through.

The revision, as submitted, cannot be approved and is denied. Please refer to the attached marked-up copy of the revision map and narrative, which notes the deficiencies found upon review.

Should you have any questions concerning this matter, please contact the Ventilation Department at (304) 877-3900/Ext. 142.

Sincerely,

Robert G. Hardman  
District Manager  
Coal Mine Safety and Health, District 4



# Performance Coal Company

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P.O. Box 69

Naoma, WV

25140

March 4, 2010

Mr. Robert G. Hardman  
Mine Safety and Health Administration  
100 Bluestone Road  
Mount Hope, WV 25880

Re: Performance Coal Company  
Upper Big Branch Mine  
MSHA ID: 46-08436  
State ID: U-3042-92  
Ventilation Revision

Dear Sir:

Please find the enclosed ventilation revision for your review and approval. This revision is needed to mine Track Mains. Mining is expected to begin while the longwall mining unit is retreating the Ellis Longwall Panel.

The attached map shows the proposed ventilation controls to be removed and installed for mining Track Mains. During this time the No. 7 entry of LBB 2 #4 will be converted from a neutral air course to a return air course between Track Mains and LBB #5.

This mine currently has no miner's representative. If you have any questions or comments, feel free to contact me at (304) 854-3516.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Performance Coal Company, Inc.

Eric Lilly  
Mine Engineer

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*\* Plan does not coincide w/ Feb. 16, APPROVAL. If you seek to modify the Feb. 16 APPROVAL then resubmit all 6-phases.*

Cut-throughs will be isolated and controlled. Controls will be installed prior to cutting through. The area will be ventilated until immediately prior to cut-through.

A minimum 6ft travelway will be maintained in the primary escapeway.

Estimated 5,000 CFM

Estimated 40,000 CFM

Estimated 110,000 CFM

TRACK MAINS  
UBB 003 Section  
Est. MMU 042-0  
LOB 20,000 CFM

Estimated 25,000 CFM

*Drop curtains will be installed and dropped prior to mining outside to prevent a short circuit of air.*

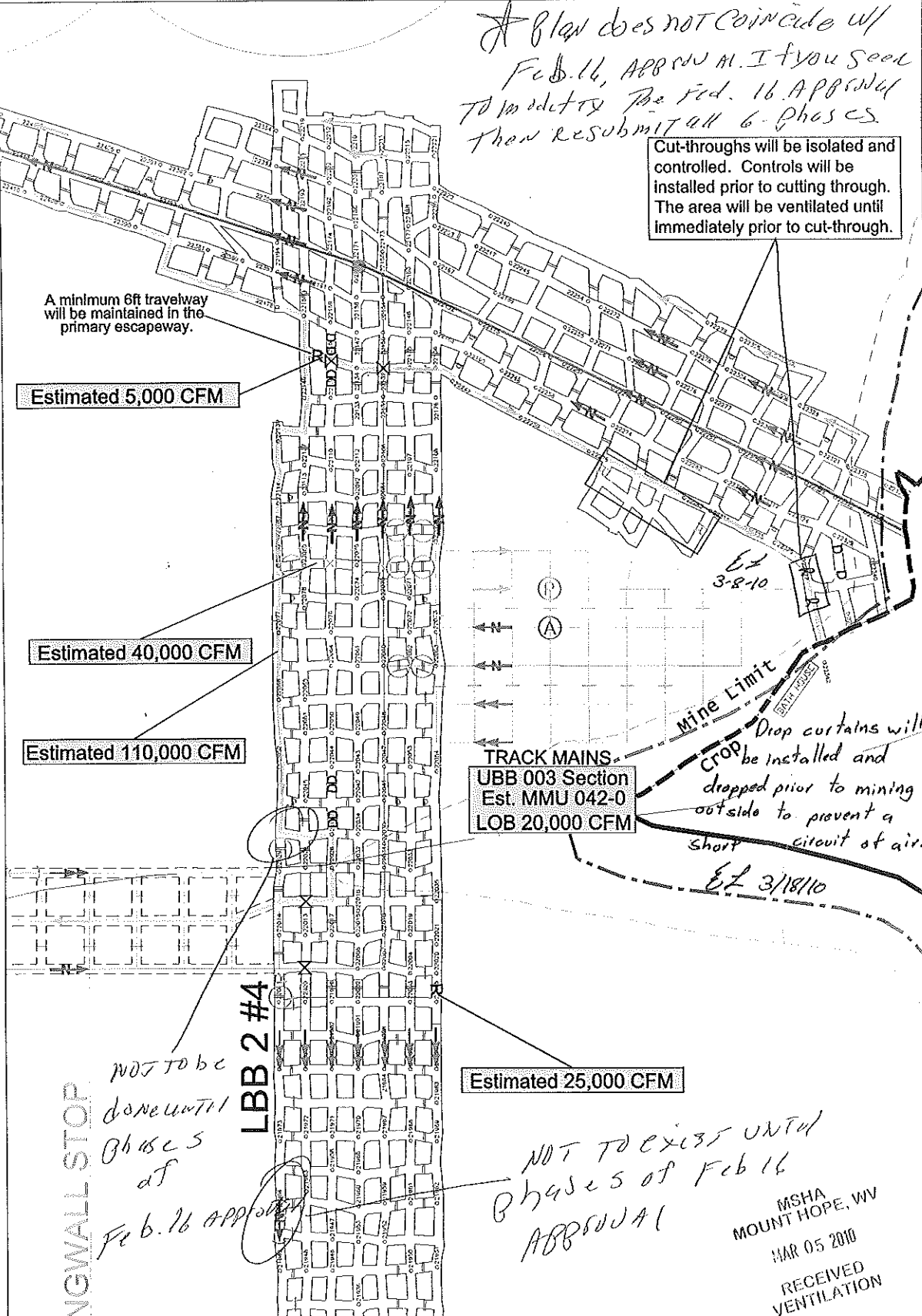
*NOT TO BE DONE UNTIL PHASES OF Feb. 16 APPROVAL*

**LBB 2 #4**

**NG SMALL STOP**

*NOT TO EXIST UNTIL PHASES OF Feb 16 APPROVAL*

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→ INTAKE AIR	⊠ BOX CHECK	⊞ TRACK	⊞ FAN	— ROADS
↔ SECONDARY INTAKE AIR	⊞ MAN DOOR	⊞ TRACK	⊞ CHECK CURTAIN	— TRAILS
↔ RETURN AIR	⊞ ACTIVE OR INACTIVE GAS WELL	⊞ TRACK	⊞ PROPOSED BELT HEAD	⊞ GAS LINES
↔ PROPOSED INTAKE AIR	⊞ PLUGGED GAS WELL	⊞ TRACK	⊞ BELT HEAD	⊞ CORE HOLE
↔ PROPOSED SECONDARY INTAKE AIR	⊞ PERMANENT STOPPINGS	⊞ TRACK	⊞ OVERCAST	⊞ PROPOSED PRIMARY ESCAPEWAY
↔ PROPOSED RETURN AIR	⊞ PROPOSED STOPPING	⊞ TRACK	⊞ ASLUCK DOOR	⊞ PROPOSED ALTERNATE ESCAPEWAY
↔ PRIMARY ESCAPEWAY	⊞ CONTROL TO BE REMOVED	⊞ TRACK	⊞ R REGULATOR	⊞ PERMITTED PUNCH-OUT (NOT PERMITTED)
↔ ALTERNATE ESCAPEWAY	⊞ ALUER WORKS	⊞ TRACK	⊞ PROPOSED REGULATOR	⊞ ADJACENT MINE
⊞ PROPOSED BELT	⊞ ALUER AREA	⊞ TRACK	⊞ INTERMITTENT STREAM	⊞ COAL CONTOURS
⊞ EXISTING BELT	⊞ WET SEALS	⊞ TRACK	⊞ STREAM	⊞ PROPOSED PRIMARY ESCAPEWAY
⊞ PROPERTY LINES	⊞ PROPOSED WET SEALS	⊞ TRACK	⊞ POWER LINES	⊞ PROPOSED ALTERNATE ESCAPEWAY
⊞ 200' TEST DRILL LINE	⊞ RAILROAD	⊞ TRACK		
⊞ 132' COVER BOUNDARY	⊞ WATER	⊞ TRACK		
⊞ APPROVED MINE LIMIT LINE		⊞ TRACK		

	<b>PERFORMANCE COAL COMPANY</b> P.O. BOX 62, NIXON, WV 26110	
	<b>UPPER BIG BRANCH MINE</b>	
MSHA ID No. 48-08135	WV ID No. U5542-92	
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<b>ADDITIONAL INTAKES AT EUNICE PORTAL</b>		
<b>VENTILATION REVISION</b>		