



SEP 24 2009

Mr. Chris Blanchard
President
Performance Coal Company
POB 69
Naoma, WV 25140

Dear Mr. Blanchard:

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 May 19, 2009, and resubmitted on August 17, 2009 for the subject mine. The revision is to show the ventilation controls to be installed/removed to show the ventilation scheme to relocate the #4 Section MMU #062-0/063-0 from right side #1 North Belt to left side of #1 North Belt, and establish DPP # 11, reverse the return air flow direction to DPP's # 6, 7, 8, 9, 10 and 11, and shows the new primary and alternate escapeways for the #4 Section. The sequence of installing/removing ventilation controls for the ventilation scheme is shown on the phase 2 map.

This revision is hereby approved and will be made a part of the approved plan for this mine. This approval is limited to the requested change as described in the submittal letter and shown on 2 phase maps on portions of the subject mine. **All ventilation changes will be made in accordance with 30 CFR 75.324.**

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 (3incl.)/ Files/nlc

SUPERVISORY ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

Initials RLC 9/24/09 Date

U. S. Department of Labor

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



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A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Robert G. Hardman".

Robert G. Hardman
District Manager
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August 17, 2008

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 to move the #4 Section from its current location to the other side of the Mains. This plan consists of two phases. Phase 1, the Current Ventilation Map, shows the ventilation at the current time. The Phase 2 Map shows the proposed ventilation to move the section. The right return from the section will be used to ventilate the panel currently being mined.

Controls will be constructed and removed in the sequence shown on the Phase 2 map. The interior of the panels will be traveled weekly to the measuring point locations shown on the map.

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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MOUNT HOPE, WV

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