



FEB 22 2010

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

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

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

Sincerely,

Robert G. Hardman
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

RC 2/19/10
Initials *RC* Date *2/19/10*



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A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Robert G. Hardman".

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February 3, 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 attached Ventilation Revision for the Upper Big Branch Mine for your review and approval. This plan is to relocate EP – LW3. This relocation will move the EP from a water hole to the shoreline.

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

EP - LW 3

90

85

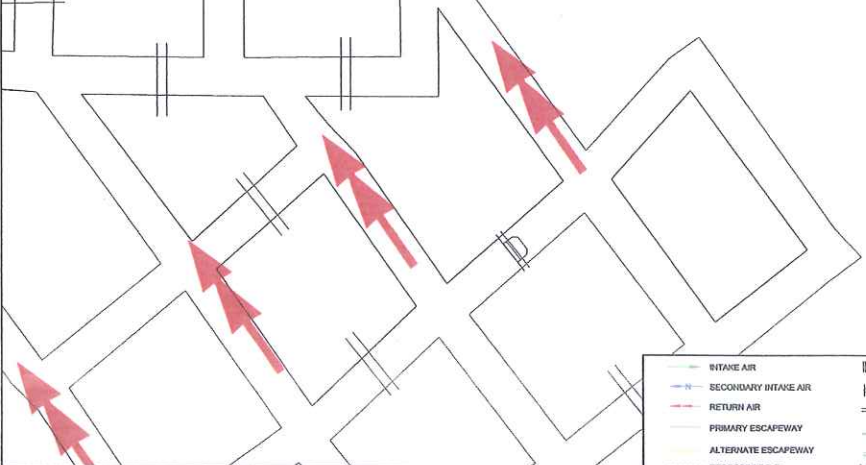
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Proposed EP - LW 3



Air Readings

	Current	Proposed
EP - LW3	91,277 CFM	90,000 CFM

- INTAKE AIR
- SECONDARY INTAKE AIR
- RETURN AIR
- PRIMARY ESCAPEWAY
- ALTERNATE ESCAPEWAY
- PROPOSED BELT
- EXISTING BELT
- ##### TRACK
- ⊕ ACTIVE OR INACTIVE GAS WELL
- ⊕ FLUGGED GAS WELL
- ⊕ PROPOSED GAS WELL
- ⊕ CONTROLS TO BE REMOVED
- ⊥ MAN DOOR
- ⊥ BOX CHECK
- PERMANENT STOPPINGS
- PROPOSED STOPPINGS
- PROPOSED SEALS
- OVERCAST
- ⊕ AIRLOCK DOOR
- ⊕ REGULATOR
- ⊕ PROPOSED REGULATOR
- WATER
- STREAM
- INTERMITTENT STREAM



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UPPER BIG BRANCH MINE

M.S.H.A. ID No. 49-08430 WV ID No. U-3042-92

Date: 02-03-10
DRAWN BY: RL 3 Staff

SCALE: 1"=100'

DWG No. 1 of 1
CHECKED BY:

VENTILATION REVISION

RELOCATE EP - LW 3