



FEB 05 2010

Mr. Chris Blanchard
President
Performance Coal Company
P. O. Box 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

This will acknowledge receipt of a revision to the ventilation plan, submitted to this office and dated February 01, 2010. This revision request installing/removing controls to relocate EP-7 one break outby in No. 1 entry.

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 the map.

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

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Initials *jm* *2/5/10* 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 cursive script, reading "Robert G. Hardman", is written over a large, stylized initial "R".

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February 1, 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 - 7. This relocation will move the EP from a water hole.

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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Air Readings

	Current	Proposed
EP - 1	4,152 CFM	4,000 CFM
EP - 4	1,996 CFM	2,000 CFM
EP - 7	14,840 CFM	15,000 CFM
EP - 8	44,208 CFM	21,000 CFM
DPP - 1	3,050 CFM	3,000 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
- RAILROAD
- ⊥ MAN DOOR
- ⊥ BOX CHECK
- PERMANENT STOPPINGS
- PROPOSED STOPPINGS
- PROPOSED SEALS
- OVERCAST
- ⊕ AIRLOCK DOOR
- R REGULATOR
- WATER
- STREAM
- INTERMITTENT STREAM
- ⊕ Denotes areas posted by mine foreman's information



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UPPER BIG BRANCH MINE

M.S.H.A. ID No. 46-08438 WV ID No. U-3042-92

Date: 01-28-10 SCALE: 1"=100' DWG No. 1 of 1

DRAWN BY: RL 3 Staff CHECKED BY:

PREPARED BY: [Signature]

VENTILATION REVISION

RELOCATE EP - 7