



MAR 11 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

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This revision is approved as submitted. Please be reminded that an Authorized Representative must lift the order prior to resumption of mining activities. Additionally, the regulators between the number 6 and 7 tailgate entries must have the mandooors removed to prevent inadvertent changes, all permanent controls must be plastered, and temporary ventilation controls (curtain) cannot be used in lieu of permanent controls.

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  
District Manager  
Coal Mine Safety and Health, District 4

cc: Mt. Hope Field Office  
Inspector  
Field Office Supervisor  
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SUPERVISORY ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

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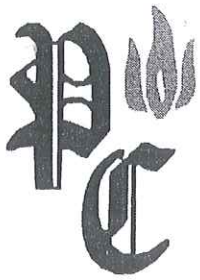
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Re: Performance Coal Company  
Upper Big Branch Mine  
MSHA ID : 46-08436  
State ID: U-3042-92  
Ventilation Revision

Dear Sir:

Please find, for your review and approval, the enclosed ventilation revision for the Upper Big Branch Mine. This revision is to install controls on Tailgate 1 North to ensure proper air direction in the #7 entry of the tailgate is maintained. A drawing is attached showing the proposed controls and air measurements.

This mine currently has no miner's representative. If you have any questions or comments, please feel free to contact me at your convenience.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Performance Coal Company, Inc.

Matthew Walker  
Mine Engineer

