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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

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The revision is hereby approved and will be made a part of the approved ventilation plan for this mine. This approval is limited to the requested change as described in the submittal letter and shown on the sketch. Please be advised that both phases of the ventilation revision must be done 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,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Robert G. Hardman". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial "R".

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



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ROBERT G. HARDMAN

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

cc: Mt. Hope Field Office
Inspector
Field Office Supervisor (Letter Only)
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SUPERVISORY ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

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Initials *gm* Date *10/29*

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 Mine Safety and Health Administration

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Notice Type: Update Effective Date: 03/09/2009

Mine Information 1-8

1. Federal Mine Identification Number:	4608436		
2. Mine Name:	Upper Big Branch Mine-South		
3. Directions To Mine:	Rt. 3 South, to Montcoal		
4. Mine Location Address	Street Address 130 Frontier Street		
	City	State	Zip Code
	Montcoal	WV	25140.
	County Raleigh		
5. Official Business Name of Operator:	Performance Coal Company		
	Street Address		

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11. Address of Records and Telephone Number:

Last Name

Blanchard

First Name MI

Chris

Title

President

Street Address

130 Frontier Street

City	State	Zip Code
Montcoal	WV	25140-

Country	Foreign State	Foreign Zip Code
USA		

P.O. Box Address

69

City	State	Zip Code
Naoma	WV	25140-

Country	Foreign State	Foreign Zip Code
USA		

Area Code	Telephone Number Extension	E-mail Address
304854 -	1852	Chris.Blanchard@masseyenergyco.com

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Street Address		OR	P.O. Box		
			69		
City		State	Zip Code	Zip Ext	
Naoma		WV	25140		
Phone Number			Fax Number		
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Miner's Rep and Union Info

25. Miner's Representative Information (for transmittal of documents)

Name	Address
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26. Union Information

Union Name	Union Dist	Union Local Nbr	Address
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P.O. Box 69

Naoma, WV

25140

October 13, 2009

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 our Upper Big Branch Mine for your review and approval. This revision is to cut two entries of the 1 Right Crossover into the North Glory Mains. This revision consists of two phases.

Phase one shows the ventilation while mining and cutting-through. This cut-through will be isolated and controlled. Regulators will be built on the inby and outby sides of the cut-through. These regulators will remain open to ventilate the area until immediately prior to cut-through.

Phase two shows the installation and removal of controls in the 1 Right Crossover to create additional intake once the cut-through is complete and the section moves. Headgate 3 North will be mined under the longwall ventilation revision dated August 6, 2009.

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.

Matthew Walker
Mine Engineer

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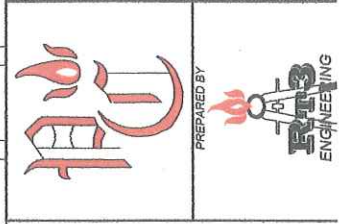
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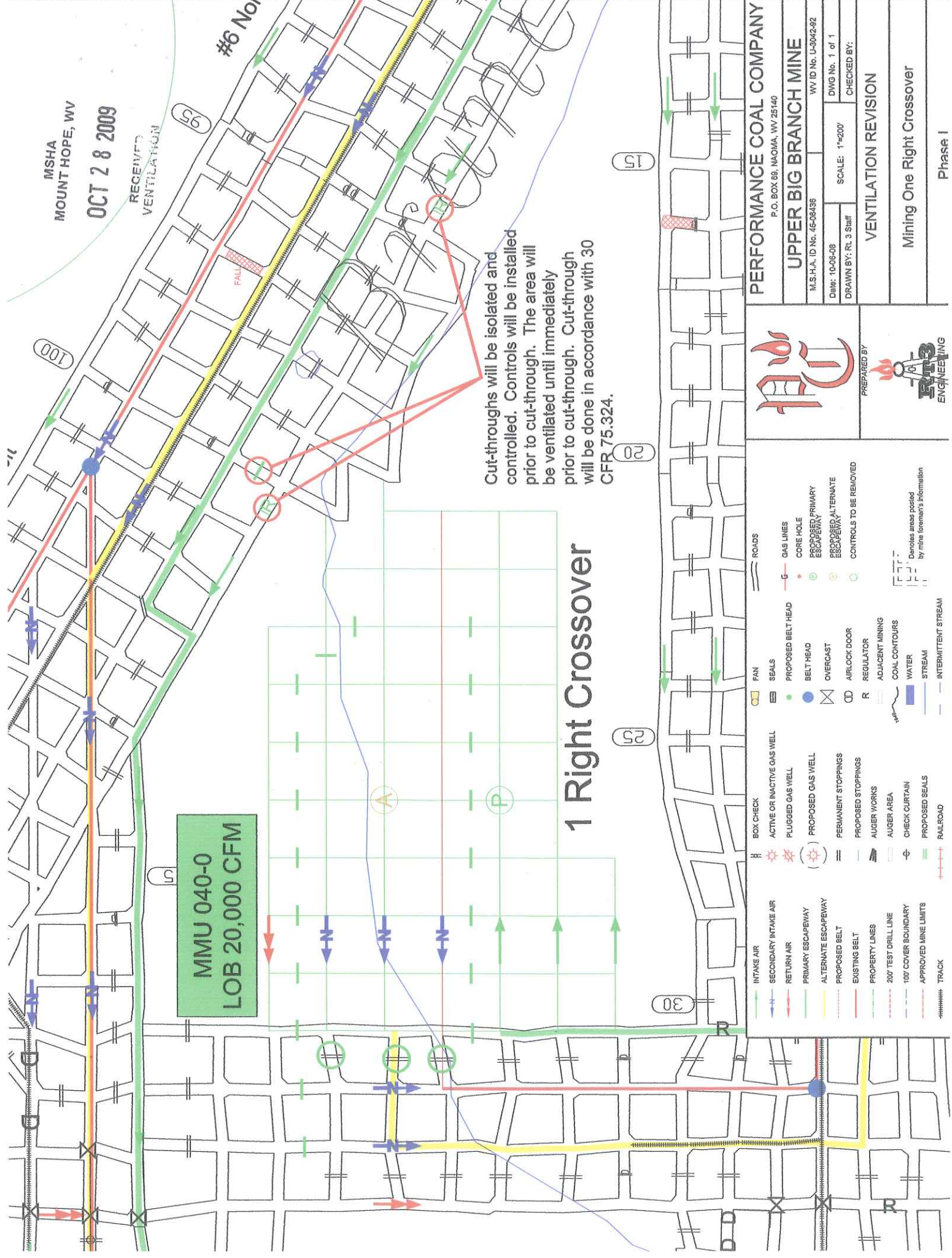
Cut-throughs will be isolated and controlled. Controls will be installed prior to cut-through. The area will be ventilated until immediately prior to cut-through. Cut-through will be done in accordance with 30 CFR 75.324.

1 Right Crossover

PERFORMANCE COAL COMPANY P.O. BOX 69, NAOOMA, WV 25140	
UPPER BIG BRANCH MINE	
M.S.H.A. ID No. 46-06436	WV ID No. U-3042-92
Date: 10-06-08	DWG No. 1 of 1
DRAWN BY: RL 3 Staff	SCALE: 1"=200'
CHECKED BY:	
VENTILATION REVISION	
Mining One Right Crossover	
Phase I	



INTAKE AIR	BOX CHECK	FAN	ROADS
SECONDARY INTAKE AIR	ACTIVE OR INACTIVE GAS WELL	SEALS	GAS LINES
RETURN AIR	PLUGGED GAS WELL	PROPOSED BELT HEAD	CORE HOLE
PRIMARY ESCAPEWAY	PROPOSED GAS WELL	BELT HEAD	ESCAPEWAY PRIMARY
ALTERNATE ESCAPEWAY	PERMANENT STOPPINGS	OVERCAST	ESCAPEWAY ALTERNATE
PROPOSED BELT	PROPOSED STOPPINGS	AIRLOCK DOOR	CONTROLS TO BE REMOVED
EXISTING BELT	AUGER WORKS	REGULATOR	
PROPERTY LINES	AUGER AREA	ADJACENT MINING	
200' TEST DRILL LINE	CHECK CURTAIN	COAL CONTOURS	
100' COVER BOUNDARY	PROPOSED SEALS	WATER	
APPROVED MINE LIMITS	RAILROAD	STREAM	
TRACK		INTERMITTENT STREAM	

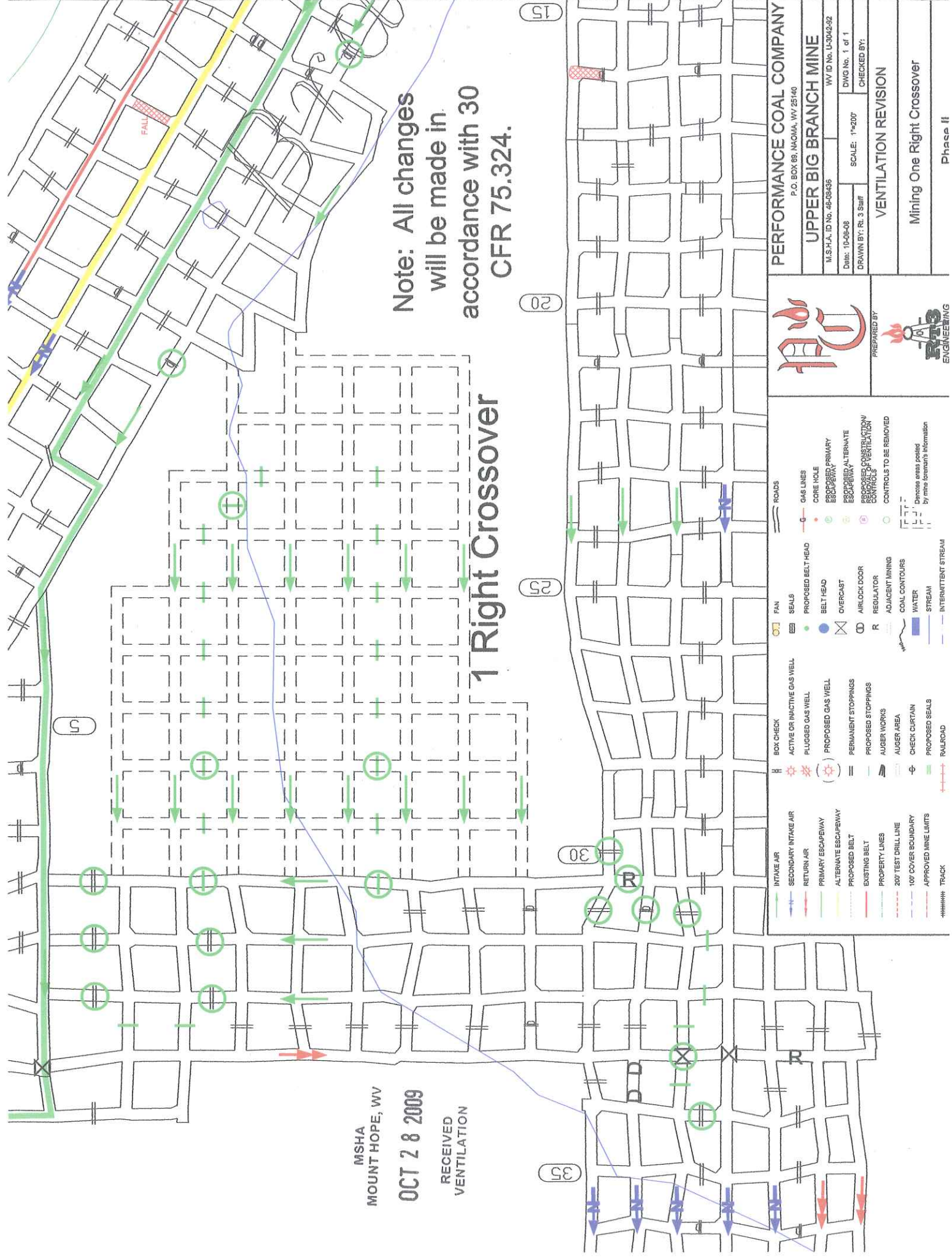


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Note: All changes
will be made in
accordance with 30
CFR 75.324.

1 Right Crossover



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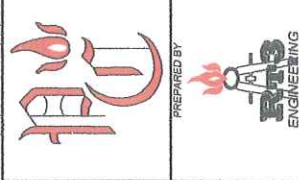
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VENTILATION REVISION

Mining One Right Crossover

Phase II



- INTAKE AIR
- SECONDARY INTAKE AIR
- RETURN AIR
- PRIMARY ESCAPEWAY
- ALTERNATE ESCAPEWAY
- PROPOSED BELT
- EXISTING BELT
- PROPERTY LINES
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- ***** TRACK
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- ADJACENT MINING
- COAL CONTOURS
- WATER
- STREAM
- INTERMITTENT STREAM
- ROADS
- GAS LINES
- CORE HOLE
- PROPOSED PRIMARY ESCAPEWAY
- PROPOSED ALTERNATE ESCAPEWAY
- PROPOSED CONSTRUCTION/CONTROLS OF VENTILATION
- CONTROLS TO BE REMOVED
- Disposal areas plotted by mine foreman's information