

U. S. Department of Labor

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



NOV 13 2009

Mr. Chris Blanchard  
President  
Performance Coal Company  
P. O. Box 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, dated November 03, 2009, and submitted to this office November 04, 2009. The revision is to show the ventilation controls to be installed/removed for Panel 2 Crossover to turn and develop three (3) entries for Headgate 2 North.

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 attached map 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,

**ROBERT G. HARDMAN**

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

Cc: Mt. Hope Field Office (3 incl.)/ Files/nlc

SUPERVISORY ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

Initials RC Date 11/13/09



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A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Robert G. Hardman", is written over a horizontal line.

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

## Mailing Address

### 23. Quarterly Report Mailing Address

<b>First Name</b> Chris	<b>Middle Initial</b>	<b>Last Name</b> Blanchard	
<b>Street Address</b>		<b>OR P.O. Box</b>	
130 Frontier Street			
<b>City</b>	<b>State</b>	<b>Zip Code</b>	<b>Zip Ext</b>
Montcoal	WV	25135	
<b>Country</b>	<b>Foreign State</b>	<b>Foreign Zip Code</b>	
USA			
<b>Phone Number</b>		<b>Fax Number</b>	
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### 24. Mailing Address for Respirable Dust Materials (Coal Only)

<b>First Name</b> Chris	<b>Middle Initial</b>	<b>Last Name</b> Blanchard	
<b>Street Address</b>		<b>OR P.O. Box</b>	
		69	
<b>City</b>	<b>State</b>	<b>Zip Code</b>	<b>Zip Ext</b>
Naoma	WV	25140	
<b>Phone Number</b>		<b>Fax Number</b>	
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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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**Legal ID Report**

**EDocument Submission**

Notice Type: Update

Effective Date: 03/09/2009

**Mine Information 1-8**

<b>1. Federal Mine Identification Number:</b>	4608436		
<b>2. Mine Name:</b>	Upper Big Branch Mine-South		
<b>3. Directions To Mine:</b>	Rt. 3 South, to Montcoal		
<b>4. Mine Location Address</b>	<b>Street Address</b> 130 Frontier Street		
	<b>City</b> Montcoal	<b>State</b> WV	<b>Zip Code</b> 25140 -
	<b>County</b> Raleigh		
<b>5. Official Business Name of Operator:</b>	Performance Coal Company		
<b>6. Principal Office Address for this Operator</b>	<b>Street Address</b> 130 Frontier Street		
	<b>City</b> Naoma	<b>State</b> WV	<b>Zip Code</b> 25140 -
	<b>Country</b> USA	<b>Foreign State</b>	<b>Foreign Zip Code</b>
<b>7. Telephone number for this mine:</b>	<b>Area Code</b> 304	<b>Telephone Number</b> 854 - 1762	<b>Extension</b>
<b>8. Commodity</b>	<b>Type of Product</b> Coal - Coal (Bituminous)		<b>Type of Operation</b> Underground

**Health & Safety 9**

**9. Person at Mine in Charge of Health and Safety:**

Last Name  
Wallace

First Name  
Homer MI

Title  
Superintendent

Street Address OR P.O. Box  
69

City Naoma State WV Zip Code 25140 -

Country USA Foreign State Foreign Zip Code

E-mail Address

**All Health & Safety 10**

**10. Person with Overall responsibility for a Health and Safety Program at ALL of the Operator's Mines, if the Operator is Not Directly Involved in the Daily Operation of the Mine:**

Last Name Cornett

First Name Berman MI

Title Safety Director

Street Address OR P.O. Box  
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City Naoma State WV Zip Code 25140 -

Country USA Foreign State Foreign Zip Code

E-mail Address  
berman.cornett@masseyenergyco.com

**Address of Record 11**

**11. Address of Records and Telephone Number:**

Last Name Blanchard

First Name Chris MI

Title President

Street Address 130 Frontier Street

City Montcoal State WV Zip Code 25140 -

Country USA Foreign State Foreign Zip Code

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69

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# Performance Coal Company

P.O. Box 69

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25140

November 3, 2009

Mr. Robert Hardman  
Mine Safety and Health Administration  
100 Bluestone Road  
Mount Hope, WV 25880

MSHA  
MOUNT HOPE, WV

NOV 04 2009

RECEIVED  
VENTILATION

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 the Upper Big Branch Mine for your review and approval. This revision is to show the ventilation scheme when the Panel 2 Crossover is completed and mining begins on Headgate 2 North.

At the current time the Upper Big Branch Mine does not have a miner's representative. If you have any questions or concerns feel free to contact me at (304) 854-3516.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Performance Coal Company, Inc.

Eric Lilly  
Mine Engineer