



Section I--Violation Data

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| 1. Date Mo Da Yr 12/06/2011 | 2. Time (24 Hr. Clock) 0800 | 3. Citation/ Order Number 4900573 |
| 4. Served To Berman Cornett (Safety Director) | | 5. Operator PERFORMANCE COAL COMPANY, et al |
| 6. Mine UPPER BIG BRANCH MINE-SOUTH | | 7. Mine ID 46-08436 (Contractor) |
| 8. Condition or Practice | | 8a. Written Notice (103g) <input type="checkbox"/> |

The Operator has established a practice of failure to report accidents. This practice was revealed following the investigation of a mine explosion, on 04.05.2010. The following accidents that required immediate notification which were not reported include: (1) roof falls in active workings above the anchorage zone of roof bolts, (2) inundation of the mine with water from old mine workings in an overlaying coal seam, (3) unplanned ignitions of gases, and (4) at least five other accidents reportable as per Part 50.20. Separate citations/orders are also issued for failure to report these accidents which occurred in the months prior to the explosion.

The following accident was not reported to MSHA:

The Operator has failed to report an accident (water inundation) that occurred on 11/2009. Production reports reflect the water inundation

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| 9. Violation | A. Health <input type="checkbox"/> Safety <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other <input type="checkbox"/> | B. Section of Act | C. Part/Section of Title 30 CFR 50.10(d) |
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Section II--Inspector's Evaluation

10. Gravity:

A. Injury or Illness (has) (is): No Likelihood Unlikely Reasonably Likely Highly Likely Occurred

B. Injury or illness could reasonably be expected to be: No Lost Workdays Lost Workdays Or Restricted Duty Permanently Disabling Fatal

C. Significant and Substantial: Yes No D. Number of Persons Affected: 001

11. Negligence (check one) A. None B. Low C. Moderate D. High E. Reckless Disregard

12. Type of Action 104(d)(2) 13. Type of Issuance (check one) Citation Order Safeguard Written Notice

14. Initial Action A. Citation B. Order C. Safeguard D. Written Notice E. Citation/
Order Number 8082692 F. Dated Mo Da Yr
03/17/2009

15. Area or Equipment North Area of mine affected by explosion

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| 16. Termination Due | A. Date Mo Da Yr | B. Time (24 Hr. Clock) |
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Section III--Termination Action

17. Action to Terminate

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| 18. Terminated | A. Date Mo Da Yr | B. Time (24 Hr. Clock) |
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Section IV--Automated System Data

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| 19. Type of Inspection (activity code) E16 | 20. Event Number 4440348 | 21. Primary or Mill |
| 22. Signature Patrick Alan Stanfield | | 23. AR Number 23908 |

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Section I--Subsequent Action/Continuation Data

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| 1. Subsequent Action 1a. Continuation <input type="checkbox"/> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | 2. Dated (Original Issue) Mo Da Yr 12/06/2011 | 3. Citation/ Order Number 4900573 |
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Section II--Justification for Action

Continuation of 8. Condition or Practice

stopped production on the Longwall and HG 22 for over a week. The fan charts for the Bandytown fan shows Tailgate 1 North and Headgate 1 North both to be blocked with water on 11.16.2009. This knowledge is made evident through a review of the Production reports and Bandytown fan charts.

Failure to report these accidents, did not allow them to be investigated to determine the cause and/or causes to prevent similar re-occurring accidents.

The Operator has engaged in aggravated conduct constituting more than ordinary negligence. This is an unwarrantable failure to comply with a mandatory standard.

This citation is being issued to the following entities as a unitary operator: Performance Coal Company, Massey Coal Services, Inc., A.T. Massey Coal Company, Inc., and Massey Energy Company.

See Continuation Form

Section III--Subsequent Action Taken

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| 8. Extended To A. Date Mo Da Yr | B. Time (24 Hr. Clock) | <input type="checkbox"/> C. Vacated | <input type="checkbox"/> D. Terminated | <input type="checkbox"/> E. Modified |
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Section IV--Inspection Data

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| 9. Type of Inspection E16 | 10. Event Number 4440348 | | |
| 11. Signature Patrick Alan Stanfield | AR Number 23908 | 12. Date Mo Da Yr 12/06/2011 | 13. Time (24 Hr. Clock) 0800 |