



Section I--Violation Data

1. Date Mo Da Yr 12/06/2011	2. Time (24 Hr. Clock) 0800	3. Citation/ Order Number 4900593
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) ☐

The operator failed to train or adequately train all miners affected by the Addendum to the Methane and Dust Control Plan dated 01.26.2010. The addendum requires that 029/MMU (HG 22 or #1 section) be ventilated with a minimum of 15,000 CFM in the last open break (crosscut). From 01.27.2010 through 04.05.2010, preshift records from 47 shifts show that the 029/MMU was operated without the required minimum velocity. At least seven different foremen, working on all three shifts, completed their preshift records, a correction of the hazard is never shown, indicating that the miners worked without the required minimum velocity. The weekly mine examiner recorded at least three low air readings during this time period which further reflects different examiners found and recorded the hazard.

Failure to properly train the miners is a practice at this mine. This
See Continuation Form (MSHA Form 7000-3a) ☒

9. Violation	A. Health <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Safety <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other <input type="checkbox"/>	B. Section of Act	C. Part/Section of Title 30 CFR 75.370(e)
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Section II--Inspector's Evaluation

10. Gravity:				
A. Injury or Illness (has) (is): No Likelihood <input type="checkbox"/> Unlikely <input type="checkbox"/> Reasonably Likely <input type="checkbox"/> Highly Likely <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Occurred <input type="checkbox"/>				
B. Injury or illness could reasonably be expected to be: No Lost Workdays <input type="checkbox"/> Lost Workdays Or Restricted Duty <input type="checkbox"/> Permanently Disabling <input type="checkbox"/> Fatal <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>				
C. Significant and Substantial: Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>			D. Number of Persons Affected: 010	
11. Negligence (check one) A. None <input type="checkbox"/> B. Low <input type="checkbox"/> C. Moderate <input type="checkbox"/> D. High <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> E. Reckless Disregard <input type="checkbox"/>				
12. Type of Action 104(d)(2)		13. Type of Issuance (check one) Citation <input type="checkbox"/> Order <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Safeguard <input type="checkbox"/> Written Notice <input type="checkbox"/>		
14. Initial Action A. Citation <input type="checkbox"/> B. Order <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> C. Safeguard <input type="checkbox"/> D. Written Notice <input type="checkbox"/>		E. Citation/ Order Number 8082692		F. Dated Mo Da Yr 03/17/2009
15. Area or Equipment 029/MMU (HG 22 or #1 section)				

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

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

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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Mine Citation/Order
Continuation

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Mine Safety and Health Administration



Section I--Subsequent Action/Continuation Data

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 4900593
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Section II--Justification for Action

Continuation of 8. Condition or Practice

is a highly dangerous condition. The operator has engaged in aggravated conduct constituting more than ordinary negligence. The mine is on a 103 (i) spot for methane liberation. 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

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

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