



Section I--Violation Data

1. Date Mo Da Yr 12/06/2011	2. Time (24 Hr. Clock) 0800	3. Citation/ Order Number 4900595
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 made a ventilation change on 03.15.2010, without the electrical power shut off to equipment in areas affected by the ventilation change. The ventilation change was made on the 3rd shift. A ventilation change was made affecting the air split ventilating seal sets 8 through 15. An explosion occurred on 04.05.2010. Following the explosion, records of the Pyott-Boone "Belt Boss" system were reviewed and they reflect that the power was not turned off to HG 22, TG 22 and the Longwall sections while this ventilation change was being made.

This mine is on a 103(i) spot for methane liberation, increasing the Hazard of leaving electrical equipment energized during a ventilation change when methane can accumulate to a flammable mixture. An Order is also issued for the failure to remove miners from the mine and continuing to do

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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 75.324(b)(1)
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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 checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Highly Likely <input 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:				D. Number of Persons Affected:		008
		Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	No <input type="checkbox"/>			
11. Negligence (check one)						
A. None <input type="checkbox"/>		B. Low <input type="checkbox"/>		C. Moderate <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		D. High <input type="checkbox"/>
E. Reckless Disregard <input type="checkbox"/>						
12. Type of Action 104(a)			13. Type of Issuance (check one)			
			Citation <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		Order <input type="checkbox"/>	Safeguard <input type="checkbox"/>
			Written Notice <input type="checkbox"/>			
14. Initial Action				E. Citation/ Order Number		F. Dated Mo Da Yr
A. Citation <input type="checkbox"/>		B. Order <input type="checkbox"/>		C. Safeguard <input type="checkbox"/>		D. Written Notice <input type="checkbox"/>

15. Area or Equipment

16. Termination Due	A. Date Mo Da Yr 01/05/2012	B. Time (24 Hr. Clock) 0800
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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 4900595
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Section II--Justification for Action

Continuation of 8. Condition or Practice

work other than making the ventilation change.

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