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100 Bluestone Road  
Mount Hope, WV 25880-1000



DEC 30 2005

Mr. Bill Potter  
President  
Performance Coal Company  
P. O. Box 69  
Naoma, WV 25140

Dear Mr. Potter:

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, submitted to this office and dated December 15, 2005, which shows adding two evaluation points, EP-20A and EP-33, at the mouth of Headgate 11 and Panel 11A Tailgate. The proposal includes eliminating evaluation points EP-21 and EP-31, however, existing evaluation point EP-20, located near Brake 70 in Headgate 11, will remain active. The revision request is shown on a portion of the mine map, dated December 15, 2005, and submitted with the revision request.

The revision is hereby approved and will be made a part of the approved plan for this mine.

Should you have any questions concerning this matter, please contact William L. Ross at (304) 877-3900/Ext. 142.

Sincerely,

/s/ Richard J. Kline

Jesse P. Cole  
District Manager  
Coal Mine Safety and Health, District 4

cc: Mt. Hope Field Office (3 encl.)  
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SUPERVISORY ACKNOWLEDGEMENT  
Initials *DK* *BR* *12/30/05* Date  
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Jesse P. Cole  
District Manager  
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December 15, 2005

Mr. Jesse P. Cole  
District Manager  
Mine Safety and Health Administration  
100 Bluestone Road  
Mt. Hope, West Virginia 25880-0112

RE: Performance Coal Company - Upper Big Branch Mine-South  
Federal I.D. 46-08436, State I. D. U-3042-92 – Ventilation Plan

Dear Mr. Cole:

Performance Coal Company, Upper Big Branch Mine-South (ID 46-08436), is requesting permission to add an EP at the mouth of Headgate 11 and add another one at the mouth of longwall panel 11A tailgate and eliminate EP's 21 and 31. The new EP at the panel 11A tailgate will be EP 20A and the EP at the mouth of Headgate 11 will be EP 33. The eliminated EP quantities will be evaluated as follows:

EP 20 – EP 20A = EP 31

EP 33 minus the above difference will equal EP 21

The above EP's are shown on the attached map.

Your timely review and approval of this revision would be greatly appreciated. If you have any questions, or require further information, please call me at (304) 854-1761.

Respectfully Submitted,

Performance Coal Co.  
George T. Levo  
Mining Engineer