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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, submitted to this office and dated May 6, 2008, showing the controls to be installed and removed in order to reroute a portion of the intake airflow from the Parallel North Mains to the North Mains and isolate an area to prepare for a controlled cut through that will be accomplished from the 041-0 MMU section. Also, the isolation area will be used while work related to overcast construction and belt installation is ongoing in the area. The revision is shown on a portion of the mine map, dated April 6, 2008, and submitted with the request.

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 map.

Should you have any questions concerning this matter, please contact the Ventilation Department at (304) 877-3900/Ext. 142.

Sincerely,

RGH ROBERT G. HARDMAN

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

cc: Mt. Hope Field Office
Inspector
Field Office Supervisor
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5-16-08

SUPERVISORY ACKNOWLEDGEMENT



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A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Robert G. Hardman", is written over the typed name.

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



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May 6, 2008

Mr. Robert G. Hardman
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. Hardman:

Performance Coal Company, Upper Big Branch Mine-South (ID 46-08436), requests approval of the attached ventilation revision. The request is to reroute a portion of the intake in Parallel North Mains into North Mains temporarily for a short distance for the purpose of isolating a portion of North Mains and North Mains Parallel for construction work including, but not limited to, slabbing ribs for beltline installation and overcast construction. Some intake air will be bled into this isolated area and will return to the outside.

The #1 entry will be cut into North Mains first. Immediately after it cuts through, regulator R-2 will be closed. After #2 and #3 entries cut through, regulator R-1 will be closed and the construction area will have its own air circuit.

All of the above can be seen on the attached maps.

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

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MOUNT HOPE, WV

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