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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

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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/ Lincoln L. Selfe

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



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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), plans to mine a portion of Panel 15 longwall that was previously written off as being unmineable. We are submitting the attached plans for mining of the set-up face from Headgate 15 to Headgate 14. Mining will be done in two phases. Phase One will be mined without a section belt until the section is in two crosscuts. Phase Two will show the ventilation for the remaining mining with a section belt installed. All the proposed changes shown on Phase One are shown as having been made on the Phase Two map.

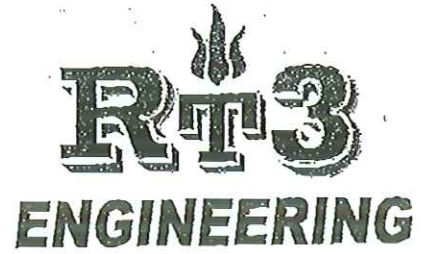
EP 40 will be relocated inby as shown on the attached maps. Prior to commencement of mining of the set-up face, our approved plan for sending the Lower Big Branch section return to the outside and not into the longwall bleeder will be implemented and completed.

The three entries will be cut through on an idle shift unless a controlled cut-through is constructed on the Headgate 14 side.

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



Marfork Coal Company  
 Elk Run Coal Company  
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