



Section I--Violation Data

1. Date Mo Da Yr 12/06/2011	2. Time (24 Hr. Clock) 0800	3. Citation/ Order Number 4900367
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 has established a practice of failure to report accidents. This practice was revealed following the investigation of a mine explosion, on 04.05.2010. The following accidents that required immediate notification which were not reported include: (1) roof falls in active workings above the anchorage zone of roof bolts, (2) inundation of the mine with water from old mine workings in an overlaying coal seam, (3) unplanned ignitions of gases, and (4) at least five other accidents reportable as per Part 50.20. Separate citations/orders are also issued for failure to report or correctly report these accidents which occurred in months prior to the explosion.

The following accident was not correctly reported to MSHA: a roof fall occurred on the Longwall on 12.04.09. It was not reported until

See Continuation Form (MSHA Form 7000-3a) ☒

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 50.10(d)
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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: 001	
11. Negligence (check one) A. None <input type="checkbox"/> B. Low <input type="checkbox"/> C. Moderate <input type="checkbox"/> D. High <input type="checkbox"/> E. Reckless Disregard <input checked="" 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 North Area of mine affected by the explosion				

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) 12/06/2011	3. Citation/ Order Number 4900367
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Section II--Justification for Action

Continuation of 8. Condition or Practice

12.05.2009. The submitted 7000-1 reflects that a roof fall occurred in the #1 entry of the Longwall at spad 28-33. The 7000-1 report of the fall reflects the roof fell out between the roof bolts onto the stage loader and blocked part of the primary escapeway. Production reports of the Longwall reflect the roof fall occurred on the evening shift of 12.04.2009 and measured 40 feet long X 10 feet high X 16 feet wide. The evening shift drilled and shot the fall four times to free the stage loader.

The roof fall was not reported to within the required 15 minutes.

Failure to report these accidents, did not allow them to be investigated to determine the cause and/or causes to prevent similar re-occurring accidents.

The operator engaged in aggravated conduct constructing more than ordinary negligence. This is an unwarrantable failure to comply with an unwarrantable failure.

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