



Section I--Violation Data

1. Date Mo Da Yr 12/06/2011	2. Time (24 Hr. Clock) 0800	3. Citation/ Order Number 4900480
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 cable coupler on the cable supplying 480 volts from the power center to the Headgate controller on the Headgate 21 longwall was not grounded by an approved method. The outer shell of the AEEI coupler was not properly grounded. The bolt that connects the outer shell to the inner frame of the coupler was missing.

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 (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 75.701
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Section II--Inspector's Evaluation

10. Gravity:

A. Injury or Illness (has) (is): No Likelihood  Unlikely  Reasonably Likely  Highly Likely  Occurred

B. Injury or illness could reasonably be expected to be: No Lost Workdays  Lost Workdays Or Restricted Duty  Permanently Disabling  Fatal

C. Significant and Substantial: Yes  No

D. Number of Persons Affected: 001

11. Negligence (check one) A. None  B. Low  C. Moderate  D. High  E. Reckless Disregard

12. Type of Action 104(a)

13. Type of Issuance (check one) Citation  Order  Safeguard  Written Notice

14. Initial Action A. Citation  B. Order  C. Safeguard  D. Written Notice

E. Citation/Order Number

F. Dated Mo Da Yr

15. Area or Equipment

16. Termination Due A. Date Mo Da Yr 01/05/2012 B. Time (24 Hr. Clock) 0800

Section III--Termination Action

17. Action to Terminate

18. Terminated A. Date Mo Da Yr B. Time (24 Hr. Clock)

Section IV--Automated System Data

19. Type of Inspection (activity code) E16

20. Event Number 4440348

21. Primary or Mill

22. Signature Keith McElroy

23. AR Number 24153

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