



Section I--Violation Data

1. Date Mo Da Yr 12/06/2011	2. Time (24 Hr. Clock) 0925	3. Citation/ Order Number 8405563
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 failed to comply with the Smoker Search Program, approved July 14, 1999. Testimony and records indicates searches were no conducted at least weekly. There were other members of management that counter signed the records, Everett Hagar, Rick Foster and Terry Moore for example.

There are several missing record of a smoking article search not being conducted for the longwall crews 4 quarter prior to the explosion. After 12/17/2009 the records do not indicate which miners, or which crew shift. The longwall works 4 crews 7 days a week 3 shifts per day.

The records indicate missing searches, and incomplete records for the for the entire mine. The operator fails to ensure that any person entering the underground area of the mine did not carry smoking materials, matches

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 75.1702
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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: 030

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 Randall Lewis 23. AR Number 24262

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Mine Citation/Order
Continuation

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Section I--Subsequent Action/Continuation Data

1. Subsequent Action 1a. Continuation <input type="checkbox"/>	2. Dated (Original Issue) Mo Da Yr 12/06/2011	3. Citation/Order Number 8405563
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Section II--Justification for Action

Continuation of 8. Condition or Practice

or lighters. This mine has a history of methane liberations and methane ignitions.

This citation is being issued to the following entities as a unitary operator: Performance Coal Company, Massey Coal Services, 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 Randall Lewis	AR Number 24262	12. Date Mo Da Yr 12/06/2011	13. Time (24 Hr. Clock) 0925