Result in last working day of August due to striking hazards in the
vicinity caused by the failure of the roof.

It is entirely possible that an
accident would occur there.

The presence of clay in
the area has been an
issue for the area.

The area has been
repaired, but it
must be examined.

This condition would expose
operators to hazards from the
unsafe condition of the roof.

- Operator has ordered
a pressure pump and
cleaning line.

Blackmark set for
1/24/08 @ 08:00
Date: 1/23/08

The No. 3 188 belt drive was not being maintained or operated. Condition. The bearing in the stationary return roller, located left from the return take-up roller, had failed and the inner race was turning on the metal roller. There was visible smoke coming off the roller and after the operator had taken the belt out of service, the roller was too hot to touch without safety gloves.

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likely existed for hours.
- It would be reasonably likely that an accident
would occur. The roller
was something and after
replacing the roller it
was too hard to reach without
protective glasses.
- If an accident would occur
it would more likely to
fall off a shelf to a
belt line and belt drive.
- There was no power in the
cause. In fact, it would
be expected
- Roller was unplanned
@ 9:10.

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GENERAL INFORMATION COVER SHEET
Inspection Code: E02
Company Name: Performance Coal Co.
Mine Name: Upper Big Branch
Mine I.D. Number: 46-08154
Date(s) of Mine File Review: 1/23/08
D Status: N/A
Dates of Inspection: began 1/23/08, completed 1/23/08
Pre-Inspection Conference Date: 1/23/08
Company Representative(s): Rick Hodge, Bill Hester
Miners Representative(s): N/A
Post-Inspection Conference Date: 1/23/08
Company Representative(s): Rick Hodge
Miners Representative(s): N/A

DAILY COVER SHEET
Date: 1/23/08
Arrived at the Mine: 5:30
Departed from the Mine: 12:45
List Records Books Checked: Pre/Post Mgmt
Weekly Exam
Accompanied By: Company Representative
Miners Representative: /n

AREAS OF INSPECTION ACTIVITY:
DPP's: 1 & DPP's of No. 2
Section:

Inspector's Initials: 
Supervisor's Initials and Date: RK-1/23/08

Date: 1/23/08

Result in last midday shift showed 2 sledges due to stacking hazards in the
murray area on December the ninth at the RR1-3 31.5
- This condition would permit
pencils to become the fine
sawdust possibly the stock
area.
- It is entirely that an
accident would occur. This
was the mine of the crew in
the area. The crew was asked
not to move through the
area and Air Reading
would be taken of the
sledges of the DIP. However
the sledges crew must be
examined.
- If an accident would
occur it could not likely
be happened.

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Date 1/23/08


Took Air Reading at EP1
Ac 30
Ve 780
Qe 21,900 CFM.

Ac 6
Ve 580
Qe 3480 CFM.

Traveled to EP #1, Took Air Reading at EP1
Ac 7.5
Ve 582
Qe 4385 CFM.

Inspector's Initials: [Redacted]

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Traded Bottle Sample at EP1

O clay 20.3 oz. of Handheld Cracks in mine floor and there is some water
Bubbling up from geyser in mine floor.

Bottle No: W0-470

Traveled left lane in the
Regulator at 90 psi. of 188.
Ac 21
Ve 1,281
Qe 24,901 CFM.

Circled face cap mine:
Return to Regulator at DPA

Inspector's Initials: [Redacted]

Supervisor's Initials and Date: RPI-23-09 Page No. 5

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Took Air Reading

Bottle Sample @ DPA Reg.

Ac 24
Ve 1,281
Qe 29,544 CFM

Air Entering @ EP#5: 4,647

Total EP: 29,745

Bottle Sample @ DPA Reg.

No. W0-467

Traveled to outside on the way outside found hazardous condition at the #5182 belt drive.
Date 1/23/08

Time: 09:40

CA #: 729712

Standard: 75.1725(g)

The No. 3 LBB belt drive was not being maintained in Soya operating conditions. The bearings in the stationary return roller, located 3ft. from the return take-up roller, had failed and the casing was over running on the metal bell. There was visible smoke coming off the roller and after the operator had taken the belt out of service, the roller was hot to touch. Without safety glasses, the area could be seen and smell while peering through the bell housing, I had traveled by the area @ 7:00 am approx. and the condition was very evident. No holes were noted in the casing. This condition occurred, therefore, as a result of the negligence of the operator, who had not kept the area smoke free. A fire alarm was pulled and the roller could be heard.

This condition must not be repeated.

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Lickly excited for a show.

It would be reasonably likely that an accident would occur. The roller was smoking and after replacing the roller it was too hot to touch without protective gloves.

If an accident would occur it would most likely be knocked from a shelf to a belt line and fall.

There was one person in the area. Employer that would be affected.

Roller was replaced @ 9:30.

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This area had been pre-shifted approx. 30 mins. prior to this condition occurring. Smoke could be seen upon arrival and smell while peering through the bell housing on the tender. I had traveled by the area @ 7:00 am approx. and the condition was very evident. No holes were noted in the casing. This condition occurred, therefore, as a result of the negligence of the operator, who had not kept the area smoke free. A fire alarm was pulled and the roller could be heard.

This condition must not be repeated.