U.S. Department of Labor
Mine Safety and Health Administration
1301 Airport Road
Room D-200
Beaver, West Virginia 25813-9426

To Whom It May Concern:

Earlier this year, you were interviewed as part of the Mine Safety & Health Administration’s (MSHA) accident investigation of the Upper Big Branch Mine-South explosion that occurred on April 5, 2010. Either during that interview, or at a later time by written request, you requested an opportunity to review your transcript prior to its public release. This letter details the procedures for that transcript review.

You (and, if present, your personal or legal representative) will be provided with an opportunity to read a copy of your transcript in a location designated by MSHA’s accident investigation team. You will be provided a reasonable period of time for your review. During your review, you may bring stationery on which you may take notes of the contents of your transcript.

You may NOT take the transcript with you. This means that you may not leave the review room with the transcript at any time. You may NOT make any copies of the transcript through any means of reproduction. This means, for example, that you may not use a copier to make a copy of the transcript, that you may not take photographs or video of the transcript, that you may not create an audio recording of the transcript, and that you may not attempt to reproduce the transcript by any other means. Consistent with this procedure, you may not bring into the review room cameras, video-cameras, tape-recorders, cell phones, or any other technological device that has reproductive capability. You may leave such devices in your vehicle or with MSHA’s accident investigation team; the team will return your devices to you following the completion of your review.

Finally, if you identify errors in the transcript, you may write a follow-up letter to MSHA’s accident investigation team identifying and describing those errors. Please identify any errors by page and line number. The transcript will not be modified to reflect these alleged errors; however, your letter will be released in conjunction with your transcript.

Please sign below to certify that you understand the above procedures for your transcript review. Once you have signed, a copy of your signed letter will be provided to you.

Witness

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MSHA Representative

8/23/2010

8-23-10

8/25/10
August 23, 2010

Mr. Norman Page  
Lead Investigator  
UBB Disaster  
District 6  
Pikeville, KY  

Dear Mr. Page:  

While reviewing my transcript, I have found the following discrepancies:  

Page 49  
   Line 15 should read “They were manual.” And delete the previous response.  

Page 64  
   Line 22 should read “Yes, Mike Kiblinger and the gentleman whose name I cannot remember at this time.” I will attempt to discover his name and provide that to you. Please delete lines 22, 23, and 24.  

Perry Brown  
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