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Mine Safety and Health Administration 100 Bluestone Road Mount Hope, WV 25880-1000





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Mr. Craig Boggs President Performance Coal Company P.O. Box 69 Naoma, WV 25140

Dear Mr. Boggs:

Subject:

Mine Ventilation Plan, Section 75.370, 30 CFR 75, Upper Big Branch

Mine-South, I.D. No. 46-08436, Performance Coal Company, Montcoal,

Raleigh County, West Virginia

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This revision has been reviewed and cannot be approved based on discrepancies as shown on the marked-up-map, also attached.

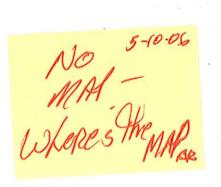
Should you have any questions concerning this matter, please contact William L. Ross in the Ventilation Department at (304)877-3900/Ext. 142.

Sincerely,

/S/ JESSE P. COLE

Jesse P. Cole District Manager Coal Mine Safety and Health, District 4

cc: Mt. Hope Field Office
Field Office Supervisor (Letter Only)
Inspector
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March 31, 2006

Mr. Jesse P. Cole District Manager Mine Safety and Health Administration 100 Bluestone Road Mt. Hope, West Virginia 25880-0112

RE: Performance Coal Company - Upper Big Branch Mine-South Federal I.D. 46-08436, State I. D. U-3042-92 - Ventilation Plan

Dear Mr. Cole:

Performance Coal Company, Upper Big Branch Mine-South (ID 46-08436), is submitting the attached plan to convert the Headgate 18 miner unit from double split face ventilation to single split face ventilation. This will be accomplished by adding a regulator in the left return to reduce it to air movement and by removing a stopping between the intake and left return to convert the left return into a parallel intake. These proposed changes are shown on the attached map.

Your timely review and approval of this revision would be greatly appreciated. If you have any questions, or require further information, please call me at (304) 854-1761.

Respectfully Submitted,

Performance Coal Co.

George T. Levo Mining Engineer

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> > APR 03 2006

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