APR 10 2007

Mr. Chris Blanchard
President
Performance Coal Company
P. O. Box 69
Naoma, WV  25140

Dear Mr. Blanchard:

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

此将确认收到的通风计划修订，已提交至本办公室并注明于2007年3月28日，显示拟议的通风，对于单元1
节，从扫除变更至分裂空气。此变更将由利用于Break #68的并行北主煤建于完成。此修订
是显示于矿图的一部，注明于2007年3月24日，已与修订请求一起提交的。

此修订将被认可，并将作为此矿批准计划的一部分。此认可限于请求的变更，如在提交的
信件中所述并显示于地图。

如果您有任何关于此事项的问题，请联系William L. Ross
在(304) 877-3900 / Ext. 142。

Sincerely,

/s/ Richard J. Kline

Robert G. Hardman
District Manager
Coal Mine Safety and Health, District 4

cc: Mt. Hope Field Office
    Field Office Supervisor
    Inspector
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This will acknowledge receipt of a revision to the ventilation plan, submitted to this office and dated March 28, 2007, showing the proposed ventilation, for the Unit 1 section, change from sweep to split air. The change is to be accomplished by utilizing the return overcasts constructed at Break #68 in the Parallel North Mains. The revision is shown on a portion of the mine map, dated March 24, 2007, and submitted with the revision request.

The revision is hereby approved and will be made a part of the approved plan for this mine. This approval is limited to the requested change as described in the submittal letter and shown on the map.

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

Sincerely,

[Signature]

Robert G. Hardman
District Manager
Coal Mine Safety and Health, District 4
March 28, 2007

Mr. Robert G. Hardman
Acting District Manager
Mine Safety and Health Administration
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Mt. Hope, West Virginia 25880-0112

RE: Performance Coal Company - Upper Big Branch Mine-South

Dear Mr. Hardman:

Performance Coal Company, Upper Big Branch Mine-South (ID 46-08436), is requesting approval to change the ventilation on the UBB Unit 1 section from sweep ventilation to split ventilation. Attached is a map of a portion of the mine map showing the area where the air changes to split ventilation. Split ventilation will be accomplished by putting into service the overcasts at #68 crosscut in Parallel North Mains.

If you have any questions, or require further information, please call me at (304) 854-1761.

Respectfully Submitted,

[Signature]

George T. Levo
Mining Engineer