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Mr. Chris Blanchard
President
Performance Coal Company
POB 69
Naoma, WV 25140

Dear Mine Operator:

Subject: Mine Ventilation Plan, Section 75.370, 30 CFR 75, Upper
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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 the
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Sincerely,

[Signature]

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

cc: Mt. Hope Field Office
    Inspector
    Field Office Supervisor
    Files/nlc

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SUPERVISORY ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

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Coal Mine Safety and Health, District 4
February 3, 2010

Mr. Robert G. Hardman
Mine Safety and Health Administration
100 Bluestone Road
Mount Hope, WV 25880

Re: Performance Coal Company
Upper Big Branch Mine
MSHA ID: 46-08436
State ID: U-3042-92
Ventilation Revision

Dear Sir:

Please find the attached Ventilation Revision for the Upper Big Branch Mine for your review and approval. This plan is to relocate EP – LW3. This relocation will move the EP from a water hole to the shoreline.

This mine currently has no miner’s representative. If you have any questions or comments, feel free to contact me at (304)854-3516.

Respectfully Submitted,
Performance Coal Company, Inc.

Eric Lilly
Mine Engineer
Proposed EP - LW 3

Air Readings

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