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



SEP 23 2009

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

Dear Mr. Blanchard:

Subject: Mine Ventilation Plan, Section 75.370, 30 CFR 75, Upper
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Coal Company, Montcoal, Raleigh County, West Virginia

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The revision is hereby approved and will become a part of the approved plan for this mine. The approval is limited to the requested changes as described in the submittal.

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

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Robert G. Hardman". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial "R".

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

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/s/ ROBERT G. HARDMAN

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Cc: Mt. Hope Field Office (3incl.)/ Files/nlc

SUPERVISORY ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

Initials *RC* Date *9/23/09*
Initials *gm* Date *9/23*



Performance Coal Company

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September 21, 2009

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 Base Plan Revision

Dear Sir:

Please find the enclosed ventilation revision for your review and approval. This revision is to add 2 additional safety precautions to the ventilation base plan for the Upper Big Branch Mine. These safety precautions are being added to ensure that the primary escapeway is not compromised.

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

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MOUNT HOPE, WV

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- The stopping lines separating the air courses on Headgate 1 North will be pre-shift examined before each new longwall crew can enter the area. This examination will be completed on the stopping lines between the mouth of the gateroad and the longwall face. A record of this examination will be recorded in the pre-shift examination book located in the mine office.
- When track equipment is operated in the primary escapeway, it shall be equipped with an automatic fire suppression system. If the track equipment is not equipped with an automatic fire suppression system, it shall be monitored continuously when operated in the primary escapeway.

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Legal ID Report

EDocument Submission

Notice Type: Update

Effective Date: 03/09/2009

Mine Information 1-8

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|--|---|---------------------------------------|---|
| 1. Federal Mine Identification Number: | 4608436 | | |
| 2. Mine Name: | Upper Big Branch Mine-South | | |
| 3. Directions To Mine: | Rt. 3 South, to Montcoal | | |
| 4. Mine Location Address | Street Address 130 Frontier Street | | |
| | City Montcoal | State WV | Zip Code 25140 - |
| | County Raleigh | | |
| 5. Official Business Name of Operator: | Performance Coal Company | | |
| 6. Principal Office Address for this Operator | Street Address 130 Frontier Street | | |
| | City Naoma | State WV | Zip Code 25140 - |
| | Country USA | Foreign State | Foreign Zip Code |
| 7. Telephone number for this mine: | Area Code 304 | Telephone Number 854 - 1762 | Extension |
| 8. Commodity | Type of Product Coal - Coal (Bituminous) | | Type of Operation Underground |

Health & Safety 9

9. Person at Mine in Charge of Health and Safety:

Last Name
Wallace
First Name
Homer MI
Title
Superintendent

Street Address OR P.O. Box
69

City State Zip Code
Naoma WV 25140 -

Country Foreign State Foreign Zip Code
USA

E-mail Address

All Health & Safety 10

10. Person with Overall responsibility for a Health and Safety Program at ALL of the Operator's Mines, if the Operator is Not Directly Involved in the Daily Operation of the Mine:

Last Name
Cornett
First Name Berman MI
Title
Safety Director

Street Address OR P.O. Box
69
City State Zip Code
Naoma WV 25140 -
Country Foreign State Foreign Zip Code
USA

E-mail Address
berman.cornett@masseyenergyco.com

Address of Record 11

11. Address of Records and Telephone Number:

Last Name
Blanchard
First Name Chris MI
Title
President
Street Address
130 Frontier Street
City State Zip Code
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