



Section I--Violation Data

1. Date Mo Da Yr 12/06/2011	2. Time (24 Hr. Clock) 0800	3. Citation/ Order Number 4900603
4. Served To Berman Cornett (Safety Director)		5. Operator PERFORMANCE COAL COMPANY, et al
6. Mine UPPER BIG BRANCH MINE-SOUTH		7. Mine ID 46-08436 (Contractor)
8. Condition or Practice		8a. Written Notice (103g) <input type="checkbox"/>

An agent of the Operator (qualified electrician) failed to make an adequate weekly examination of the Joy continuous miner (serial #JM4918B), located on HG 22 section, in the weeks prior to a mine explosion on 04.05.2010. Citation #4900584 is issued citing 30 C.F.R. Part 75.503 for failure to maintain the machine in permissible condition. Thirteen defects are cited that affect the permissibility of the machine. Some of these defects are obvious, and some have existed for a significant amount of time. The cited condition is extensive.

This equipment was inspected following a mine explosion on 04.05.2010. Numerous citation/Orders are issued citing 75.503 for failure to maintain approved electrical equipment in a permissible condition and 75.512 for failure of an agent of the Operator to make an adequate weekly examination

See Continuation Form (MSHA Form 7000-3a)

9. Violation	A. Health <input type="checkbox"/> Safety <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other <input type="checkbox"/>	B. Section of Act	C. Part/Section of Title 30 CFR 75.512
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Section II--Inspector's Evaluation

10. Gravity:

A. Injury or Illness (has) (is): No Likelihood Unlikely Reasonably Likely Highly Likely Occurred

B. Injury or illness could reasonably be expected to be: No Lost Workdays Lost Workdays Or Restricted Duty Permanently Disabling Fatal

C. Significant and Substantial: Yes No

D. Number of Persons Affected: 009

11. Negligence (check one) A. None B. Low C. Moderate D. High E. Reckless Disregard

12. Type of Action 104(d)(2) 13. Type of Issuance (check one) Citation Order Safeguard Written Notice

14. Initial Action A. Citation <input type="checkbox"/> B. Order <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> C. Safeguard <input type="checkbox"/> D. Written Notice <input type="checkbox"/>	E. Citation/ Order Number 8082692	F. Dated Mo Da Yr 03/17/2009
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15. Area or Equipment Joy continuous miner (S/N 4918B)

16. Termination Due A. Date Mo Da Yr	B. Time (24 Hr. Clock)
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Section III--Termination Action

17. Action to Terminate

18. Terminated A. Date Mo Da Yr	B. Time (24 Hr. Clock)
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Section IV--Automated System Data

19. Type of Inspection (activity code) E16	20. Event Number 4440348	21. Primary or Mill
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22. Signature Patrick Alan Stanfield	23. AR Number 23908
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Section I--Subsequent Action/Continuation Data

1. Subsequent Action 1a. Continuation <input type="checkbox"/> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	2. Dated (Original Issue) Mo Da Yr 12/06/2011	3. Citation/ Order Number 4900603
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Section II--Justification for Action

Continuation of 8. Condition or Practice

of electrical equipment to assure it is being maintained in a safe and permissible condition.

This mine is on a 103(i) spot for methane liberation. This mine has a history of methane ignitions/outbursts. These factors increase the need to maintain electrical equipment in permissible condition.

The Operator has engaged in aggravated conduct constituting more than ordinary negligence. This is an unwarrantable failure to comply with a mandatory standard.

This citation is being issued to the following entities as a unitary operator: Performance Coal Company, Massey Coal Services, Inc., A.T. Massey Coal Company, Inc., and Massey Energy Company.

See Continuation Form

Section III--Subsequent Action Taken

8. Extended To	A. Date Mo Da Yr	B. Time (24 Hr. Clock)	<input type="checkbox"/> C. Vacated	<input type="checkbox"/> D. Terminated	<input type="checkbox"/> E. Modified
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Section IV--Inspection Data

9. Type of Inspection E16	10. Event Number 4440348		
11. Signature Patrick Alan Stanfield	AR Number 23908	12. Date Mo Da Yr 12/06/2011	13. Time (24 Hr. Clock) 0800