

GENERAL INFORMATION COVER SHEET

Inspection Code EO2 Event No. 4119933

Company Name Performance Coal Company

Mine Name Upper Big Branch mine - South

Mine I.D. Number 46-08436

Date(s) of Mine File Review 1/5/09

D Status \_\_\_\_\_ Citation/Order No. \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Dates of Inspection: began 1/14/09 completed 1/14/09

Pre-Inspection Conference Date 1/14/09

Company Representative(s) [Redacted]

mine forman

Miners Representative(s) N/A

Post-Inspection Conference Date 1/14/09

Company Representative(s) Homer Wallace

Superintendent.

Miners Representative(s) N/A

Comments: \_\_\_\_\_

Inspector's Initials [Redacted] Supervisor's Initials and Date [Redacted]

DAILY COVER SHEET

Date 1/14/09 Event No. 4119933

Arrived at the Mine 0700 Departed from the Mine \_\_\_\_\_

List Records Books Checked pre-shift books

On-shift Belt books, map

#1 section.

Accompanied By: Company Representative [Redacted]

Miners Representative N/A

AREAS OF INSPECTION ACTIVITY:

Track from Surface  
to #1 section, return  
from mouth of #1 to  
section, #1 section.

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Chemo # 4119933

Date 1-14-09

Conduct MSHA end  
gather inspection materials

Traveled to mine site with  
[Redacted] C.M.I. trained.

Got mine site met with  
[Redacted] mine forman.

Checked pre-shift books, all records  
-NVD-

Traveled on track to mouth of  
section with [Redacted] mine  
forman.

Got in return at mouth of  
section, traveled to section on foot  
NVD 0.10 kg 20.5 % CO<sub>2</sub> by. Pd. 0.1

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75.337h  
0955

Date 1-14-09

The railing supports are  
back 43' x 45' and not being  
maintained to serve the purpose  
for which it was built. The  
straps each make 2' x 3'  
holes in them where cables  
pass at one time passed through  
them.

This condition has existed  
for over 1 week. The safety  
examiner made his error on 1/13/09  
and should have found this. Mac

This condition is unduly  
in cause accident and would  
result in ~~one~~ no less incidents.  
Tom S.L.

Lipson - examiner affected

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V = #30 282 1005  
A = 9.5 x 3.5 9374 ~~1522~~ ch  
Widesid 9.5 x 16 152 6328 MEAV  
.05 chg 20.8702  
CM board in #3 entug  
Bottle A7428

LOB 1015  
V = 80  
A = 6 x 19 9120 ch  
.05 chg 20.8702  
Bottle B1231

Make comment changes on  
air2000 form - N1100  
0.05 chg 20.8702  
Proof: Nil OK

Need safety talk with  
operator. Now under my control.

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8 men

Traveled on foot to track.

Rode track outside to impact.

On surface using paper  
copies citations and discussed  
with operator including copy  
right and root cause.

Refined to Mr. Roper.

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1105

Date

1-14-08

On the #1 section the  
lifeline in the secondary escapeway  
is not being properly maintained.

From belt 47 to 49 the  
lifeline runs between props  
and the belt structure. There  
is ~~only~~ approx 1' of clearance between  
the props & the structure.

This condition has existed  
for about 2 weeks according to  
the mine foreman. The principal  
enormous should have found this.

Med neg

The lifeline in the secondary esc  
#1 section 8-12 belt over 1 month  
is run between props and the belt  
structure. There is less than 6"  
clearance in this area.

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Date

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The condition in this area has  
existed for over 1 month. The  
principal enormous should have found  
this also. Both conditions exist  
in the #1 section belt.

In the event of a mine fire  
or explosion these conditions would  
be severely hindering to persons escaping  
mines to release the life line

causing mines to become lost in  
smoke causing persons disabling  
injuries from smoke inhalation.  
S = S

10 people - section crew affected

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Date

1/14/09

Arrived at LBBB  
mines met with  
mine foreman

Informed them that  
and I was  
there on a methane  
spot.

Checked pre-shift &  
on-shift books for #1, 2,  
3 section, Checked MAP

Traveled to mouth  
of #1 section  
walked return with  
to section

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Date 1/14/09

As we were walking return we noticed blocks were missing in 43 & 45 Steppings [redacted] wrote citations on this condition.

Arrived on section. took air reading & bottle sample in immediate return.

Observed miner op in # 3 during cut cycle

Took air reading at miner. ~~and~~

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Took last open break reading.

Done imminent danger run across 1-3 Faces. N.V.O

Walked to track with [redacted] & [redacted]

Tracked outside by rail.

wrote citations & discussed them with

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Discussed root causes & traveled back to MSHA By GOW. Finished paperwork.

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AIR READINGS

Date 1/14/09  
Location immediate return  
on #1 section

Width 9 Bottle Sample No. R1220  
Height 20 CH4 Detected 0.05%  
Area 180 Mean Entry \_\_\_\_\_  
Velocity 130 Time 10:04  
Quantity 23,400

Location \_\_\_\_\_

Width \_\_\_\_\_ Bottle Sample No. \_\_\_\_\_  
Height \_\_\_\_\_ CH4 Detected \_\_\_\_\_  
Area \_\_\_\_\_ Mean Entry \_\_\_\_\_  
Velocity \_\_\_\_\_ Time \_\_\_\_\_  
Quantity \_\_\_\_\_

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