



Section I--Violation Data

1. Date Mo Da Yr 12/06/2011	2. Time (24 Hr. Clock) 0800	3. Citation/ Order Number 4900590
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"/>

The Operator has established a practice of failure to report accidents. This practice was revealed following the investigation of a mine explosion, on 04.05.2010. The following accidents that required immediate notification which were not reported or not reported correctly and immediately include: (1) roof falls in active workings above the anchorage zone of roof bolts, (2) inundation of the mine with water from old mine workings in an overlaying coal seam, (3) unplanned ignitions of gases, and (4) at least five other accidents reportable as per Part 50.20. Separate citations/orders are also issued for failure to report these accidents which occurred in the months prior to the explosion.

The following accident was not reported to MSHA:

The Operator has failed to notify MSHA on an accident that occurred on

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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 50.10(d)
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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: 001

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 B. Order C. Safeguard D. Written Notice

E. Citation/
Order Number 8082692

F. Dated Mo Da Yr
03/17/2009

15. Area or Equipment North area of mine affected by the explosion on 04.05.2010

16. Termination Due

A. Date Mo Da Yr

B. Time (24 Hr. Clock)

Section III--Termination Action

17. Action to Terminate

18. Terminated

A. Date Mo Da Yr

B. Time (24 Hr. Clock)

Section IV--Automated System Data

19. Type of Inspection (activity code) E16

20. Event Number 4440348

21. Primary or Mill

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 4900590
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Section II--Justification for Action

Continuation of 8. Condition or Practice

the Longwall in November, 2009. Testimony following a mine explosion, on 04.05.2010, a methane ignition had occurred at midface of the Longwall in November, 2009. Additional testimony reflects low air velocity was occurring at the Longwall tail in the weeks prior to the explosion on 04.05.2010. This accident is defined in 30 C.F.R. Part. 50.2(h) (5).

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.

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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