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**MITIGATION MONITORING REPORT**  
**Reach 6 - 2<sup>nd</sup> YEAR**

Revelation Energy, LLC  
KDNR Permit No. 813-0357  
Corps ID No. 2000-1696

Responsible Organization

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Project Location

Big Laurel Branch of Big Caney Creek  
Breathitt County, KY

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Mitigation Reach 6**

## **PROJECT OVERVIEW**

### **Introduction**

Revelation Energy, LLC has been charged with performing remedial stream enhancement work as part of a compensatory mitigation package approved by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (COE) for KDNR Permit No. 813-0357 (formerly KDNR Permit No. 813-0341 and 813-0306) Corps ID No. LRL-2000-1696. A detailed work plan for all mitigation was outlined in the Compensatory Mitigation Plan (CMP) prepared by Walturn Engineering, Inc. of Hueysville, Kentucky, dated June 2003. The mitigation performed for Big Laurel Branch (Reach 6) will serve to partially mitigate losses associated with the placement of fill or dredged material into the jurisdictional waters of the U.S. under the Nationwide 21 permit authorized by the Louisville District of the COE. This report specifically addresses the second year mitigation status of Reach 6.

In-kind mitigation for both temporary and permanent impacts will consist of off-site stream restoration and enhancement of 5214 linear feet of the Big Laurel Branch (Reach 6), though construction was halted after 3,092 linear feet of stream mitigation in 2010 due to inclement weather conditions. This reach is a tributary of Big Caney Creek of Quicksand Creek of the North Fork Kentucky River in Breathitt County, Kentucky. The mitigation project utilizes the East Kentucky Stream Assessment Protocol (EKSAP) to establish both pre- and post-mitigation work stream function for impacted and mitigation stream reaches as applicable.

The Nationwide 21 authorization for KDNR No. 813-0357 states that impacts to jurisdictional waters would result in a net loss of EIUs. The ultimate post-mitigation goal is to produce an EII Rating of 0.50 at maturity for Reach 6, resulting in an EIU value of 2,607.00. Attaining this post-mitigation goal would mean a net increase of 1,616.34 EIUs.

The restoration and enhancement of Reach 6 was initiated in the fall and winter 2010 by R&R Excavating, with field visits and inspection conducted by Summit Engineering, Inc. personnel. The construction report was submitted in January, 2011. This construction report states that the construction had to halt at station 30+92 due to inclement weather. A report for the first year of monitoring was submitted by Aquatic Resource Management in December of 2011. The following field visits / surveys were conducted in 2013 as part of the 2012 mitigation monitoring following the transfer of the project to Revelation Energy, LLC.

### **Field Visits/ Surveys Conducted by Summit Engineering, Inc.**

Reach	Channel	Parameters Measured or Assessed	
		Conductivity, Habitat Evaluation, Riparian Vegetation Evaluation, Substrate Assessment, and Maintenance Evaluation	Stream Channel Survey
6	Big Laurel Branch	2/8/13	2/7/13 and 3/28/13

After two monitoring years, Reach 6 is progressing toward performance standards.

### **Project Description**

#### **Reach 6**

Big Laurel Branch is a second-order intermittent/ perennial tributary of Big Caney Creek of Quicksand Creek of the North Fork Kentucky River in Breathitt County, Kentucky. The mitigation project begins as the confluence of Big Caney Creek at 37° 35' 33" N, 83° 08' 38" W and continues upstream for 3,092 feet to 37° 36' 01" N, 83° 08' 42" W to the location where construction was halted due to inclement weather. Following

the completion of construction the project will continue upstream for a total of 5,214 linear feet. See Appendix A for additional project location information.

## **REQUIREMENTS**

### **Review of Compensation Goals**

The authorized CMP outlined six parameters to be measured annually in order to measure success and/or failure of the mitigation projects. Bioassessment scores, conductivity, propriety and function of stream enhancement structures, bank stability, and riparian zone vegetation density and diversity are to be evaluated annually. These parameters are to be evaluated from the confluence of Big Laurel Branch with Big Caney Creek at 37° 35' 33" N, 83° 08' 38" W upstream for 3,092 feet in Reach 6 to 37° 36' 01" N, 83° 08' 42" W. Following the completion of construction these parameters are to be evaluated for the entire proposed mitigation length of 5,214 linear feet from the confluence of Big Laurel Branch with Big Caney Creek. See Appendix A for additional project location information.

The primary goals of the mitigation projects for Reach 6 are to improve aquatic biodiversity within the watershed, to reduce sediment loading by watershed improvements and improving bank stability, and to improve riparian functions. Please find below a table outlining the proposed improvements in EII ratings and EIU values for these reaches as compared to the pre-mitigation scores.

Reach	Pre-Mitigation EIU Value	5-Year Post-Mitigation EII Rating Goal	5-Year Post-Mitigation EIU Value	Net Increase of EIUs
6	990.66	0.5	2,607.00	1616.34

### **Compensatory Mitigation Details**

According to the as-built Construction Report dated January, 2011, designs were developed by Abbot Engineering, Inc. and Summit Engineering, Inc. was contracted to inspect R&R Excavating's construction of these designs. The mitigation project was initiated in the fall and winter of 2010, and halted at station 30+92 due to inclement weather. Following the construction, Aquatic Resources Management of Lexington, Kentucky was contracted to evaluate bioassessment scores, conductivity, propriety and function of stream enhancement structures, bank stability, and riparian zone vegetation density and diversity as well as author the first annual monitoring report. Following the pending transfer of the KDNR Permit No. 813-0357 from Laurel Mountain Resources, LLC to KDNR Permit No. 813-0385 under Revelation Energy, LLC, Summit Engineering, Inc. was contracted to assume these monitoring and reporting responsibilities and provide input on any repairs that may be required if the success criteria is not met. Included in the original permit application as well as the Construction Report was the Success Criteria and Monitoring Plan. Refer to Table I.

The authorized CMP proposed to utilize in-stream and watershed restoration and enhancement techniques to improve the functions of Reach 6, a watershed impacted by mining, timbering, and natural gas/oil activities. Before mitigation efforts were utilized, these reaches appeared to be impaired from past mining and logging activities as substantial amounts of sediment have removed and replaced natural aquatic habitat.

### **Success Criteria**

The success of off-site mitigation areas will be based upon attainment of the RBP habitat parameter values and admissible specific conductivity measurements such that the five year EII goals for each mitigation area are met. The predicted EII values which are to be in-place at the end of the five year monitoring period are listed in Table I. As EII values are calculated with RBP parameter scores, it will be acceptable for an individual habitat parameter to be lower than predicted as long as the resulting loss is offset by an

unpredicted gain in one or more other parameters. Increase in RBP habitat scores will be verified through field investigations and specific conductivity will be measured annually. In addition, success criteria for the physical conditions and revegetation success of the mitigation areas are as follows:

- Mitigation areas should show no signs of substantial erosion.
- Stream enhancement structures should be in-place and properly functioning.
- Determination of successful tree and shrub stocking of the revegetated area will utilize the following standards:
  - A minimum stocking density of 436 trees or trees/shrubs per acre determined with a statistical confidence of 90 percent, with tree (not shrub) species comprising at least 75% of the total stock, shall be achieved on at least 70 percent of the area stocked.
  - At least 6 species of trees and shrubs shall be planted in a mixed distribution pattern with each of the 6 species comprising at least 10 percent of the total stock; however, none of the species shall comprise more than 50% of the total stock.
  - Should unwanted invading non-native non-riparian vegetative species become prevalent within any area, they will be controlled or eliminated by mechanical or manual methods.
  - Volunteer native riparian vegetation will be encouraged.

**Table I. Predicted Five Year EII Scores by Reach**

Mitigation Type	Mitigation Reach	Predicted Post-Mitigation EII Score (5 Years)
Off-Site	Reach 6: Big Laurel Branch	0.5

#### Monitoring Plan

The monitoring and management plan will evaluate the success of the mitigation work and will allow for any necessary adjustments to assure success of the mitigation site. Short term plans for all mitigation sites are limited to achieving the required improvement and/or attainment of performance standards and aquatic functions as described previously. The success of the mitigation work will be dependent upon achieving success standards previously described. Thus, the success of the mitigation work will be determined by monitoring the parameters in Table II.

**Table II. Monitoring Parameters**

Parameter	Frequency of Assessment
Bioassessment Score	Assess and complete RBP at target reference points annually
Conductivity	Measure at target reference points annually
Propriety and Function of Stream Enhancement Structures	Assess and document annually
Bank Condition	Assess and document annually
Vegetation Density	Assess and Document Annually
Vegetation Diversity	Assess and Document Annually

#### Monitoring Methods

An annual site visit will be conducted in order to determine the progress of the mitigation project. Following are the parameters and the methodologies that were utilized in 2013 to assess the 2012 monitoring period:

- Bioassessment Score – The U.S. EPA’s Rapid Bioassessment Protocol for Use in Streams and Wadeable Rivers was utilized to assess each of the previously-determined evaluation sites, to be

compared to the pre-work habitat values. RBP sheets and EII calculation sheets are included in Appendices B and C, respectively.

- Conductivity – Conductivity was obtained using digital meters and recorded on the RBP sheets which can be found in Appendix B.
- Stream Morphology– Summit Engineering, Inc. personnel, utilizing standard surveying methods as described in the approved mitigation plan, conducted surveying of the mitigation reaches. The surveyed cross sections are included in Appendix A. In addition photographic documentation of stream bank stabilization measures and enhancement structures can be found in Appendix E. A discussion of the bank stability and enhancement structure evaluation can be found in the Summary Data section of this report.
- Riparian Vegetation – A field evaluation of the previous plantings throughout the restored riparian zones, including tree and shrub transects, was completed to assess the density and diversity riparian zone revegetation. Tree transect field sheets and summary tables can be found in Appendix D. Photographic documentation of ground cover is included in Appendix E.

## SUMMARY DATA

**Table III. Big Laurel Branch (Reach 6) Monitoring Results**

<b>Water Quality Parameters and Bioassessment Scores of Big Laurel Branch (Reach 6)</b>			
<b>Parameter</b>	<b>Immediately After Mitigation 2010</b>	<b>Year 1 2011</b>	<b>Year 2 2012</b>
<b>Average RBP Score</b>	109	137	126
<b>Conductivity (uhmos)</b>	Data Not Reported	Data Not Reported	332.5
<b>Average EII Score</b>	0.19	Data Not Reported	0.43
<b>Average Temperature (°C)</b>	Data Not Reported	Data Not Reported	6.5
<b>Average pH (SU)</b>	Data Not Reported	Data Not Reported	8.7
<b>Average Dissolved Oxygen (mg/L)</b>	Data Not Reported	Data Not Reported	12.2

<b>Enhancement Structure Status of Big Laurel Branch (Reach 6)</b>	
<b>Monitoring Year</b>	<b>Comments</b>
<b>Immediately After Mitigation 2010</b>	The following structures have been included in the enhancement design: boulder clusters, single and double deflectors, log sills, step pools, root wads, and rock riffles
<b>Year 1 2011</b>	Rock and log cross vanes were installed at designated intervals within each segment to increase sediment transport and create macroinvertebrate habitat.
<b>Year 2 2012</b>	Some log deflectors now lie above water level, while some log sills are now submerged. Cribbing structures remain in place for the most part. Other log sills, boulder clusters, J-Hooks, step pools, and rock riffles all functioning.

Bank Stability of Big Laurel Branch (Reach 6)	
Monitoring Year	RBP Score
Immediately After Mitigation 2010	Data Not Reported
Year 1 2011	Sub-optimal - moderately stable, infrequent, small areas of erosion mostly healed over, 5-30% of bank in reach has areas of erosion
Year 2 2012	Monitoring Location 6: Sub-optimal - moderately stable, infrequent, small areas of erosion mostly healed over, 5-30% of bank in reach has areas of erosion  Monitoring Location 4: Poor to Suboptimal- The left bank scoring in the poor range being unstable with many eroded areas; 60-100% of the bank with erosional areas. The right bank, however, scored in the sub-optimal range with moderately stable, infrequent, small areas of erosion that are mostly healed over; 5-30% of bank in reach has areas of erosion.

Revelation Energy, LLC					
Tree and Shrub Assessment of Big Laurel Branch ( Reach 6) Monitoring Location 4					
Species	Common Name	Number of Individuals Within Reach		Total By Species	Percent of Population
		Right Bank	Left Bank		
<i>Acer rubrum</i>	Red Maple	2	3	5	8.20
<i>Acer saccharum</i>	Sugar Maple	2	1	3	4.92
<i>Carpinus caroliniana</i>	Ironwood	5	0	5	8.20
<i>Fagus grandifolia</i>	American Beech	8	1	9	14.75
<i>Liriodendron tulipifera</i>	Tulip Poplar	0	3	3	4.92
<i>Magnolia macrophylla</i>	Large Leaf Magnolia	0	7	7	11.48
<i>Platanus occidentalis</i>	Sycamore	0	2	2	3.28
<i>Tsuga canadensis</i>	Eastern Hemlock	5	0	5	8.20
<b>TOTAL</b>					
Trees in total Riparian Zone ( 5,000 Square Feet)		39			
Trees per Square Foot		0.0078			
Trees per acre		339.768			

Revelation Energy, LLC					
Tree and Shrub Assessment of Big Laurel Branch ( Reach 6) Monitoring Location 6					
Species	Common Name	Number of Individuals Within Reach		Total By Species	Percent of Population
		Right Bank	Left Bank		
<i>Acer rubrum</i>	Red Maple	2	0	2	3.28
<i>Betula lenta</i>	Sweet Birch	3	0	3	4.92
<i>Fagus grandifolia</i>	American Beech	1	1	2	3.28
<i>Oxydendrum arboreum</i>	Sourwood	2	0	2	3.28
<i>Platanus occidentalis</i>	Sycamore	1	0	1	1.64
<i>Quercus alba</i>	White Oak	0	3	3	4.92
<i>Rhododendron calendulaceum</i>	Rhododendron	7	0	7	11.48
<i>Tsuga canadensis</i>	Eastern Hemlock	20	36	56	91.80
TOTAL					
Trees in total Riparian Zone ( 5,000 Square Feet)		76			
Trees per Square Foot		0.0152			
Trees per acre		662.112			

Vegetation Density and Diversity Summary of Big Laurel Branch ( Reach 6)		
Goals	Year 2 (2012)	
	Monitoring Location 4	Monitoring Location 6
> 436 stems/acre	339 stems per acre (22% below stocking goal)	662 stems per acre (51% above stocking goal)
Tree species > 75% of stems/acre	Tree species comprise 100% of stems/acre	Tree species comprise 88.52% of stems/acre
> 6 species of trees and shrubs	8 species	8 species
Each species ≥ 10% of stems/acre, but < 50%	No species comprises as much as 50% of the population. However, only two species comprise more than 10% of the population.	<i>Tsuga Canadensis</i> comprises 91.80% of the population. Only one other species comprises as much as 10%.
Presence of invasive species	None noted.	None noted.

Substrate Particle Size Distribution of Big Laurel Branch ( Reach 6)		
Percent less than	Year 2 (2012) Particle Size (mm)	
	Site 4	Site 6
D16	17.697	8.288
D35	24.07	13.66
D50	30.1	18.4
D65	39	24
D84	56	31
D95	114	41

Channel Dimensions of Big Laurel Branch ( Reach 6)		
Parameter		Year 2 (2012)
Average Channel Width (ft)		11.60
Average Channel Depth (ft)		0.92
Average Water Depth (ft)		0.35
Average Bank Slope	Left Descending Bank	9.94 : 1
	Right Descending Bank	2.85 : 1

### **Current Mitigation Status Summary**

The primary goals of the mitigation projects for Reach 6 are to improve aquatic biodiversity within the watersheds, to reduce sediment loading by watershed improvements and improving bank stability, and to improve riparian functions. The post mitigation goal is to produce an EII rating of 0.5 in Reach 6 within 5 years after construction. Currently Reach 6 has an average EII rating of 0.43 (an average of both EII ratings at Monitoring Location 4: 0.31 and Monitoring Location 6: 0.55 after the 2<sup>nd</sup> year of monitoring).

The average conductivity measurement for Reach 6 is 332.5. It is anticipated that the conductivity levels for this channel will continue to decline throughout the monitoring period as areas of erosion heal with vegetation and sediments are flushed from the channels.

For the most part, the stream enhancement structures lie in their original placements and are functioning well. These enhancement structures are functioning to sequester sediments and increase dissolved oxygen while protecting stream banks. Enhancement structures are being assimilated into these reaches and aiding in their return to natural settings where populations of aquatic organisms associated with lotic habitats can thrive as they once did before impacts occurred. Minor maintenance is needed on a few enhancement structures and this will be addressed during a period of low flow in future monitoring periods, as necessary. See appendix E for photographic documentation of stream enhancement structure placement and function.

For the most part the bank stability of Reach 6 has remained in the sub-optimal range, however the bank stability of some areas within Reach 6 has declined slightly since the first year evaluation from a ranking of sub-optimal to one of poor. The right bank of monitoring location 6 is experiencing more heavy erosion than other banks within the locations monitored for 2012. Maintenance of these erosional areas will be addressed during a period of low flow in future monitoring periods, as necessary.

Monitoring location 6 has met and exceeded the standard stocking goal of 436 tree and/or shrub stems per acre as well as the diversity requirement that these stems are comprised of more than 6 individual species. While monitoring location 4 has met the diversity requirement of at least 6 tree and shrub species, the standing population in this area is still 22% below the standard stocking goal. In addition, no invasive species have been noted within these reaches for the second monitoring year. However, the requirement that each of the six species comprise a minimum of 10% of the standing population, but no more than 50%, has not yet been achieved. It may be necessary in future monitoring periods to initiate additional tree planting to meet the diversity goals, though it is still early in the monitoring period.

Each of the reaches had temperature, pH, and dissolved oxygen results sufficient for the support of macroinvertebrate populations. Additionally, the mitigation project in Reach 6 is making progress toward not only the stocking goal of 300 stems per acre, but also the post-mitigation EII rating goals. This mitigation project is progressing toward the primary goal of improving aquatic biodiversity by providing stable and diverse habitats. Continued improvements to bank stability and riparian function, as well as the maintenance of the enhancement structures, will lead to reduced sediment loading and lower conductivity measurements.



Though natural succession will improve diversity and aid in healing erosional areas, additional re-vegetation efforts may prove necessary, as it is still early in the five-year monitoring period. Further, continued increases in tree density and growth will not only aid in bank stabilization, but will also lead to increased shading of the stream, lowering temperatures and contributing to an increased capacity to retain dissolved oxygen concentrations, as well as contributing allochthonous materials which will support benthic macroinvertebrate colonization and detrital food chains, thus supporting improvements to aquatic biodiversity within these reaches.

## **APPENDIX A: MAPS**

## **APPENDIX B: RBP SHEETS**

**SUMMIT ENGINEERING, INC.**  
**HIGH GRADIENT FIELD DATA SHEET AND RBP**

Stream Name	Bglwood 6-4	Client	Ken Ensey
Site Number	6-4	Project Name	Mityria
Latitude (dd-mm-ss)	37.59344	County	Brownhill
Longitude (dd-mm-ss)	83.14427	Quadrangle	
General Location		Field Technician(s)	CRP5
Reach Length	100	Date & Time	12/8/13

**WEATHER CONDITIONS**

Weather Now	<input type="checkbox"/> Sunny	<input type="checkbox"/> Steady Rain	Weather Past 24 Hours	<input type="checkbox"/> Sunny	<input type="checkbox"/> Steady Rain	Weather Last 7 Days	<input type="checkbox"/> Sunny	<input type="checkbox"/> Steady Rain
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Cloudy	<input type="checkbox"/> Heavy Rain		<input type="checkbox"/> Cloudy	<input type="checkbox"/> Heavy Rain		<input type="checkbox"/> Cloudy	<input type="checkbox"/> Heavy Rain
	<input type="checkbox"/> Showers	Temp: 48°F		<input type="checkbox"/> Showers	<input type="checkbox"/> Snow		<input type="checkbox"/> Showers	<input type="checkbox"/> Snow

**FIELD WATER CHEMISTRY DATA & PHOTOS**

pH (S.U.)	Temperature (°C)	Dissolved O <sub>2</sub> (mg/L)	Conductivity (µS)	Velocity (ft/s)	Picture #
8.4	6.3	11.98	343	1.40	117-4582

**STREAM CLASSIFICATION & WATER DESCRIPTION**

Stream Subsystem	<input type="checkbox"/> Ephemeral	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Intermittent	<input type="checkbox"/> Perennial
Stream Type	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> High-Gradient	<input type="checkbox"/> Headwater	<input type="checkbox"/> Wadeable
Odors	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> None	<input type="checkbox"/> Sewage	<input type="checkbox"/> Eggs
Surface Oils	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> None	<input type="checkbox"/> Slick	<input type="checkbox"/> Sheen
Turbidity	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Clear	<input type="checkbox"/> Slightly turbid	<input type="checkbox"/> Turbid

**CROSS-SECTION DATA & FLOW**

Across ( )											
Depth ( )											
Stream Flow Observed	<input type="checkbox"/> Dry	<input type="checkbox"/> Pooled	<input type="checkbox"/> Low	<input type="checkbox"/> Normal	Area (sq. ft)						
	<input type="checkbox"/> High	<input type="checkbox"/> Very Rapid					Flow (cfs)				

**PHYSICAL DESCRIPTIONS**

Immediate Land Use & Structures	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Forest	<input type="checkbox"/> Partial Forest	<input type="checkbox"/> Field	<input type="checkbox"/> Logging	<input type="checkbox"/> Agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> Residential	<input type="checkbox"/> Commercial	<input type="checkbox"/> Industrial	<input type="checkbox"/> Mining
	<input type="checkbox"/> Dam	<input type="checkbox"/> Culvert	<input type="checkbox"/> Bridge	<input type="checkbox"/> Paved Road	<input type="checkbox"/> Gravel Road	<input type="checkbox"/> Dirt Road	<input type="checkbox"/> Other:		
Vegetation Assessment	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Trees	<input type="checkbox"/> Fully Exposed (0-25%)			Vegetative Species				
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Grasses	<input type="checkbox"/> Partially Exposed (25-50%)							
	<input type="checkbox"/> Shrubs	<input type="checkbox"/> Partially Shaded (50-75%)							
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Herbaceous	<input type="checkbox"/> Fully Shaded (75-100%)							
Describe Substrate	Bed Rock, Small Substrate Also								
Riffle Variability	<input type="checkbox"/> Shallow Riffles <input type="checkbox"/> Moderate Riffles <input type="checkbox"/> Thick Riffles								

**AQUATIC LIFE**

**ADDITIONAL COMMENTS**

**HABITAT SAMPLED**

**AMOUNT**

Salamanders	<input type="checkbox"/>		<input type="checkbox"/>	Undercut/Root (6 jabs & 1 for roots)	
Crayfish	<input type="checkbox"/>		<input type="checkbox"/>	Aquatic Vegetation/Justicia (3 jabs)	
Frogs	<input type="checkbox"/>		<input type="checkbox"/>	Woody Debris [H=2-4 m, W=3-6 m]	
Mollusks	<input type="checkbox"/>		<input type="checkbox"/>	Rocks Picks [H=5 (pools), W=15]	
Fishes	<input type="checkbox"/>		<input type="checkbox"/>	Sieved Sediments [3 (1 from ea regime)]	
Beaver Damage	<input type="checkbox"/>		<input type="checkbox"/>	Bedrock [3 sweeps (pool/run)]	
Algae/Periphyton	<input type="checkbox"/>		<input type="checkbox"/>	Leaf Packs [9 (3 from ea regime)]	
Aquatic Vegetation	<input type="checkbox"/>		<input type="checkbox"/>	Aufwuchs (3 jabs)	

**SUMMIT ENGINEERING, INC.**  
**HIGH GRADIENT FIELD DATA SHEET AND RBP**

Stream Name	<i>Dr. Laurel Br.</i>	Client	<i>Rev Army</i>
Site Number	<i>656</i>	Project Name	<i>Monteater</i>
Latitude (dd-mm-ss)	<i>37.59267</i>	County	<i>Braintree</i>
Longitude (dd-mm-ss)	<i>83.14403</i>	Quadrangle	
General Location		Field Technician(s)	<i>CR/RS</i>
Reach Length	<i>400'</i>	Date & Time	<i>2-8-13 11:30</i>

**WEATHER CONDITIONS**

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**FIELD WATER CHEMISTRY DATA & PHOTOS**

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<i>8.8</i>	<i>6.7</i>	<i>12.42</i>	<i>322</i>	<i>1.4</i>	<i>117-6565</i>

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<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Herbaceous	<input type="checkbox"/> Fully Shaded (75-100%)									
Describe Substrate										
Riffle Variability	<input type="checkbox"/> Shallow Riffles <input type="checkbox"/> Moderate Riffles <input type="checkbox"/> Thick Riffles									Riffle ____% Pool ____% Run ____%

**AQUATIC LIFE**

**ADDITIONAL COMMENTS**

**HABITAT SAMPLED**

**AMOUNT**

Salamanders	<input type="checkbox"/>	<i>TOTAL Photos for Reach 6 - BLB</i> <i>117-6565 to 117-6599</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Undercut/Root (6 jabs & 1 for roots)	
Crayfish	<input type="checkbox"/>		<input type="checkbox"/>	Aquatic Vegetation/Justicia (3 jabs)	
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Algae/Periphyton	<input type="checkbox"/>		<input type="checkbox"/>	Leaf Packs [9 (3 from ea regime)]	
Aquatic Vegetation	<input type="checkbox"/>		<input type="checkbox"/>	Aufwuchs (3 jabs)	

## **APPENDIX C: EII CALCULATIONS**

EII Calculation for High Gradient Streams in Eastern Kentucky Coalfield (Version 2002.6)  
 \*\*(Family Level Taxonomy - All Habitats)\*\*

<b>Project ID:</b>	Revelation Energy, LLC
<b>Stream/Reach:</b>	Big Laurel Branch (Reach 5) Monitoring Location 4
<b>Assessment Objectives:</b>	2nd Annual Monitoring Period

EII	Model
NA	Ecological Integrity Index (MBI + Habitat Integrity + Conductivity)
0.31	Ecological Integrity Index (Habitat Integrity + Conductivity)

Variables Measure Units

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Enter quantitative or categorical measure from Field Data Sheet in shaded cells

**RBP Habitat Parameters**

1. Epifaunal Substrate	12	no units
2. Embeddedness	9	no units
3. Velocity/Depth Regime	11	no units
4. Sediment Deposition	10	no units
5. Channel Flow Status	18	no units
6. Channel Alteration	12	no units
7. Freq. Of Riffles (bends)	11	no units
8. Bank stability (both combined)	8	no units
9. Veg. Protection (both combined)	7	no units
10. Riparian Width (both combined)	8	no units

Total Habitat Score 106 no units

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**Macroinvertebrate Data - Family Level (All Habitats)**

11. Family Taxa Richness		# of taxa sampled
12. Family EPT Richness		# of EPT species sampled
13. % Ephemeroptera		% Mayflies (0-100)
14. % Chironomidae & Oligochaeta		% Midges & Worms (0-100)
15. mFBI		no units

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EII Calculation for High Gradient Streams in Eastern Kentucky Coalfield (Version 2002.6)  
 \*\*(Family Level Taxonomy - All Habitats)\*\*

<b>Project ID:</b>	Revelation Energy, LLC
<b>Stream/Reach:</b>	Big Laurel Branch (Reach 4) Monitoring Location 5
<b>Assessment Objectives:</b>	2nd Annual Monitoring Period

EII	Model
NA	Ecological Integrity Index (MBI + Habitat Integrity + Conductivity)
0.55	Ecological Integrity Index (Habitat Integrity + Conductivity)

Variables Measure Units

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Enter quantitative or categorical measure from Field Data Sheet in shaded cells

**RBP Habitat Parameters**

1. Epifaunal Substrate	14	no units
2. Embeddedness	15	no units
3. Velocity/Depth Regime	18	no units
4. Sediment Deposition	13	no units
5. Channel Flow Status	18	no units
6. Channel Alteration	14	no units
7. Freq. Of Riffles (bends)	12	no units
8. Bank stability (both combined)	15	no units
9. Veg. Protection (both combined)	13	no units
10. Riparian Width (both combined)	15	no units

Total Habitat Score 146 no units

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**Macroinvertebrate Data - Family Level (All Habitats)**

11. Family Taxa Richness		# of taxa sampled
12. Family EPT Richness		# of EPT species sampled
13. % Ephemeroptera		% Mayflies (0-100)
14. % Chironomidae & Oligochaeta		% Midges & Worms (0-100)
15. mFBI		no units

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## **APPENDIX D: RIPARIAN ZONE TREE AND SHRUB TRANSECTS**

# Tree Density for Mitigation Monitoring Sites

Company: Rev Energy Stream Name: Pijland Br 6-4  
 Site No.: 6-4 Lat: \_\_\_\_\_ Long: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: 2-8-13

Species: <u>Beech</u> Seedlings:	Species: <u>TRAIL WOOD</u> Seedlings:	Species: <u>Ligon Maple</u> Seedlings:
Saplings: <u>1111</u>	Saplings: <u>1111</u>	Saplings:
DBH: <u>14.3, 18.3, 10.2</u>	DBH:	DBH: <u>12.5, 13.4,</u>
Species: <u>East Hem</u> Seedlings:	Species: <u>Red Maple</u> Seedlings:	Species: Seedlings:
Saplings: <u>11</u>	Saplings:	Saplings:
DBH: <u>8.4, 9.2, 9.0</u>	DBH: <u>8.4, 7.9, 10.2</u>	DBH:

# Tree Density for Mitigation Monitoring Sites

Company: REV Energy Stream Name: Big Laurel Br - L-4  
 Site No.: L-4 Lat: 37.59394 Long: 83.14427 Date: 3-8-13  
 Left

Species: <u>Spruce</u> Seedlings:	Species: <u>Red Maple</u> Seedlings:	Species: <u>Pine</u> Seedlings:
Saplings:	Saplings: <u>///</u>	Saplings: <u>/</u>
DBH: <u>12.3, 19.5,</u>	DBH:	DBH:
Species: <u>Red Maple</u> Seedlings:	Species: <u>Sugar Maple</u> Seedlings:	Species: <u>7-tip Tree</u> Seedlings:
Saplings: <u>///</u>	Saplings:	Saplings:
DBH: <u>4.0, 7.9, 6.5,</u>	DBH: <u>10.5,</u>	DBH: <u>11.5, 12.3, 11.2</u>

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Tree and Shrub Assessment of Big Laurel Branch ( Reach 6) Monitoring Location 4						
Species	Common Name	Number of Individuals Within Reach		Total By Species	Percent of Population	
		Right Bank	Left Bank			
<i>Acer rubrum</i>	Red Maple	2	3	5	8.20	
<i>Acer saccharum</i>	Sugan Maple	2	1	3	4.92	
<i>Carpinus caroliniana</i>	Ironwood	5	0	5	8.20	
<i>Fagus grandifolia</i>	American Beech	8	1	9	14.75	
<i>Liriodendron tulipifera</i>	Tulip Poplar	0	3	3	4.92	
<i>Magnolia macrophylla</i>	Large Leaf Magnolia	0	7	7	11.48	
<i>Platanus occidentalis</i>	Sycamore	0	2	2	3.28	
<i>Tsuga canadensis</i>	Eastern Hemlock	5	0	5	8.20	
<b>TOTAL</b>		39				
Trees in total Riparian Zone ( 5,000 Square Feet)						
Trees per Square Foot		0.0078				
Trees per acre		339.768				

# Tree Density for Mitigation Monitoring Sites

Company: Rever Energy Stream Name: Byland Br.

Site No.: 604 Lat: 37.59267 Long: 83.14403 Date: 2/8/13  
RI BANK

Species: <u>Sweet Birch</u> Seedlings:	Species: <u>Exp Hem.</u> Seedlings:	Species: <u>Red Maple</u> Seedlings:
Saplings:	Saplings: <u>    </u>	Saplings:
DBH: <u>10.5, 4.6, 4.9,</u>	DBH: <u>10.1, 9.3, 4.0,</u> <u>4.6, 4.4, 5.0,</u> <u>5.3, 13.4, 5.2,</u> <u>12.5, 12.8, 9.6,</u> <u>8.3, 12.3, 7.5,</u>	DBH: <u>8.8, 11.7,</u>
Species: <u>Spruce</u> Seedlings:	Species: <u>Black</u> Seedlings:	Species: <u>Shrub</u> Seedlings:
Saplings:	Saplings:	Saplings:
DBH: <u>7.5,</u>	DBH: <u>17.3,</u>	DBH: <u>5.9, 6.2,</u>

Species: <i>Acacia endrogon</i>	Species:	Species:
Seedlings:	Seedlings:	Seedlings:
Saplings: <i>    </i>	Saplings:	Saplings:
DBH:	DBH:	DBH:
Species:	Species:	Species:
Seedlings:	Seedlings:	Seedlings:
Saplings:	Saplings:	Saplings:
DBH:	DBH:	DBH:
Species:	Species:	Species:
Seedlings:	Seedlings:	Seedlings:
Saplings:	Saplings:	Saplings:
DBH:	DBH:	DBH:

# Tree Density for Mitigation Monitoring Sites

Company: Lee Greys Stream Name: Bj'Lownd Be.

Site No.: 6-6 Lat: 31.59247 Long: 83.14403 Date: 2-8-13  
Left Bank

Species: <u>E. Asplen</u>	Species: <u>Almond</u>	Species: <u>Beech</u>
Seedlings:	Seedlings:	Seedlings:
Saplings: <u>     </u> <u>  </u>	Saplings:	Saplings:
DBH: <u>15.6, 6.5, 5.3, 4.0</u> <u>7.5, 6.2, 4.1, 7.3</u> <u>9.9, 10.1, 11.6</u> <u>4.0, 4.2, 4.3</u>	DBH: <u>16.0, 12.2, 7.5</u>	DBH: <u>22.4</u>
Species:	Species:	Species:
Seedlings:	Seedlings:	Seedlings:
Saplings:	Saplings:	Saplings:
DBH:	DBH:	DBH:

Revelation Energy, LLC						
Tree and Shrub Assessment of Big Laurel Branch ( Reach 6) Monitoring Location 6						
Species	Common Name	Number of Individuals Within Reach		Total By Species	Percent of Population	
		Right Bank	Left Bank			
<i>Acer rubrum</i>	Red Maple	2	0	2	3.28	
<i>Betula lenta</i>	Sweet Birch	3	0	3	4.92	
<i>Fagus grandifolia</i>	American Beech	1	1	2	3.28	
<i>Oxydendrum arboreum</i>	Sourwood	2	0	2	3.28	
<i>Platanus occidentalis</i>	Sycamore	1	0	1	1.64	
<i>Quercus alba</i>	White Oak	0	3	3	4.92	
<i>Rhododendron calendulaceum</i>	Rhododendron	7	0	7	11.48	
<i>Tsuga canadensis</i>	Eastern Hemlock	20	36	56	91.80	
<b>TOTAL</b>		76				
Trees in total Riparian Zone ( 5,000 Square Feet)						
Trees per Square Foot		0.0152				
Trees per acre		662.112				