

PLATEAU MINING CORPORATION

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Re: Appreciation and New Contact Person for Plateau Mining Corporation and Castle Gate Holding Company.

Dear Ms. Wright:

I would like to express my sincere appreciation for the opportunity that I had to work with the Division and at the same time, be recognized for the work we accomplished together. Often times the Permittee receives all of the recognition when in reality the recognition should go to both – the Division and Permittee.

I would like to think that what we achieved together neither could have achieved alone. For that I will always be grateful.

Along with my appreciation, I would like to inform the Division that September 29, 2004 will be my last day of employment with Plateau Mining Corporation and Castle Gate Holding Company. I have accepted an Environmental Engineer Position with PacifiCorp at the Hunter Power Plant and will report to work on September 30.

All future correspondence should be directed to Mr. Dennis Ware at (435) 472-4737 or at his email address rware@foundationcoal.com. Mr. Ware is looking forward to working with the Division and continuing the excellent working relationship established between the Division and Permittee.

Gratefully,



Johnny Pappas
 Sr. Environmental Engineer

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