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State of Utah
Division of Oil, Gas & Mining
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Attn: Ron Daniels

Dear Sir:

Plateau Mining has completed a review of Part 710 Initial Regulatory Program. We feel we do not completely understand all of the exact details required for pre-existing structures and facilities.

We feel at this time that the only non-conforming facility we have is our coal hauling and mine access road. It is not only impossible to bring this road into compliance by May 3, 1978; it is impossible to reconstruct the road or construct a new conforming road by November 4, 1978.

A detailed engineering study would have to be done on an alternate route, rights of way obtained, conforming design made and clearance of the design obtained from any government agency that happened to control the surface through which the road passed.

At present, there is approximately 24" of snow on our operations, which will turn to several inches of mud, which makes studies of existing and proposed facilities very difficult until the middle of June.

The topography of the area in which we operate our underground coal mine does not allow us the freedom to design facilities to a set of regulations, but requires that we design them to



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fit the physical conditions.

Plateau Mining intends to comply with the regulations, but we feel that the time limits have been too short and the lack of O.S.M. funding has stalled any help that operators could have obtained in understanding what the regulations require.

We sincerely hope that this will not continue to be the case in the future and that we can develop programs that will bring our operation into compliance.

Sincerely,

PLATEAU MINING COMPANY

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