

March 9, 1979

Memo to File:

Re: Plateau Mining Company  
ACT/007/006  
Meeting to discuss violations  
discovered during 1-9-79 inspection.

The purpose of this meeting which was held on March 8, 1979 and attended by James T. Jensen, Attorney for Plateau, Floyd Tucker, Tom Baily, Steve Rigby, Tracy Bunderson, and Ernal Shaw of Plateau, and Denise Dragoo, Michael Thompson, and Ron Daniels of the Division, was to clarify the violations as outlined in a letter dated January 31, 1979, to Mr. T.F. Baily. Of the ten violations listed in said letter, Plateau felt that their response and compliance to eight of these violations could be supplied within the 60 day time period from February 6, 1979. Two of the violations will cause them to re-examine their position in said matter and possibly appear at a hearing to show cause why an alternative compliance method should be used by the company.

Violation number 3, the deposition of fill material on the downslope below the new road, east of the Lion Portal deck extension is one violation that Plateau feels should be changed. The construction procedure as being used by the operator at this time, in his opinion, is the sole option which can be used in this case. In addition, constructing the road using cut procedures only, in Plateau's opinion, would lead to excessive environmental degradation. Subsequent to Plateau's application for a hearing in this matter, it will attempt to prove this contention at the hearing.

The second violation which Plateau views as a problem is violation number 10, wherein the company did not administer topsoil conservation techniques in the construction of the Lion Portal deck extension. During the same hearing, previously mentioned, Plateau will attempt to demonstrate that the conservation of topsoil from this area is not necessary since the company's intention to stabilize the outslope of said deck extension through other methods. With the exception of violations 3 and 10, Plateau Mining feels that it can achieve compliance by the April 6, 1979 deadline.

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