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Mr. Donald A. Crane, Director
Office of Surface Mining
Region V
Brooks Tower
1020 Fifteenth Street
Denver, Colorado 80202

RE: Plateau Mining Company
Starpoint #1 and 2 Mines
ACT/007/006
Carbon County, Utah
Mudwater Lease Extension

Dear Mr. Crane:

This letter is to convey the State of Utah, Division of Oil, Gas & Mining's concurrence with the Office of Surface Mining's decision to issue approval to Plateau Mining Company's request for extension and development of its Mudwater lease (Federal Lease U-37045) in Carbon County, Utah.

It is the Division's understanding that the state regulatory authority does not have jurisdiction relative to approval of lease extensions under the interim regulatory program, except as they pertain to the surface effects associated with the development. This position was so stated by Division personnel during the October 2, 1980, on-site meeting with the operator and various agencies. The Division's concerns pertaining to the surface effects associated with the underground development will be addressed in Plateau Mining Company's permit application to be submitted under the permanent program.

Sincerely,

JAMES W. SMITH, JR
COORDINATOR OF MINED
LAND DEVELOPMENT

cc: Floyd Tucker, Plateau Mining Company
Ed Thurmond, Getty Oil Company
William Boley, U. S. Forest Service
Jackson Moffit, U. S. Geological Survey

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