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RE: NOV #N 80-5-3-12 1 thru 9
Telephone Conversation 9/12/80

Dear Mr. Damrau:

In confirmation of our September 12 conversation between you and our group of Plateau Mining Company Representatives, Floyd Tucker, Bill Snyder, Mark Adkins, Dan Price, Ed Thurmond and myself, we would like to thank you for your consideration and advice regarding our abatement actions taken in response to recent violations issued by your office.

Our conversation today was a follow up of the letter dated Sept. 5, 1980, which I sent to Ron Daniels of the State Division of Oil, Gas and Mining, with a copy going to your office. I think our conversation helped us understand more clearly the effectiveness of our efforts to abate these violations.

I will review each violation as we did over the phone, and relate to you just what we have done to rectify the problems. Everything that we have done is in agreement with the letter of September 5.

NOV #1 - At this time, we have submitted to the Bureau of Land Management a Right-of-Way Application Ammendment. This ammdement is in the process of being reviewed by the BLM. We have been told by Mark Macklewicz of the BLM that if everything goes well we should be issued the Right-of-Way by around the 30th of September.

We are in the process of developing Construction and Reclamation Plans for the entire road. These Plans will address such issues as drainage, erosion protection, reclamation and revegetation.

NOV #2 - We are in the process of developing Construction and Reclamation Plans for the borrow pit. These Plans will address such issues as drainage, erosion protection, reclamation and revegetation.

A berm was constructed along the edge of the canyon at the bottom side of the borrow pit. We constructed a temporary detention pond on the bottom side of the pit to catch the runoff and prevent suspended solids from entering the main canyon. Because this pit is active, the pond is only temporary but will be maintained as the level of the pit is lowered. A permanent sedimentation pond will be constructed when the pit is abandoned. This sedimentation pond will remain until vegetation is established and discharge is at an acceptable level.

NOV #3 - Runoff from the tipple and adjacent areas has been diverted by a ditch so that it will pass through the Wattis North Sedimentation Pond. This ditch runs down the side of the main canyon and has been lined to prevent any erosion.

NOV #4 - We installed a 21 inch culvert under the main haulage road just below the truck loading facility. An existing culvert farther down the same road has been removed to prevent disturbed area runoff from by-passing the Sedimentation Pond. We also constructed a small detention pond at the truck loading facility. This pond will trap runoff from the loading facility area.

NOV #5 - The same ditch mentioned in NOV #3 will serve to control the runoff from the tipple area. We have diverted the runoff from the undisturbed area behind and above the tipple by means of diversion ditches and culverts. This will isolate the tipple area runoff which goes into the Wattis North Sedimentation Pond.

NOV #6 - We appreciate the verbal extension of the time for abatement on this violation to October 15, 1980.

We received a Notice of Trespass from the Bureau of Land Management on August 21, 1980 on the access road. We were forced to close the road to all traffic. As a result, we cannot at this time gain access to the culverts. As soon as the road is opened again we will construct erosion control devices at each culvert.

NOV #7 - The topsoil has been removed, segregated and protected from erosion. We will seed the pile this fall. A Reseeding Plan is being developed at this time.

NOV #8 - Same as NOV #7.

NOV #9 - Same as NOV #7.

As we indicated to you on the phone, we are in the process of formulating actions to be taken at the Lion Portal Deck Area to prevent

runoff problems there.

Thank you for your consideration, and if you have any questions feel free to give me a call.

Sincerely,

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