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September 3, 1980

Mr. Ron Daniels
Coordinator of Mined Land Development
Department of Natural Resources
1588 West North Temple
Salt Lake City, Utah 84116

ACT/007/006

Re: Proposed OSM Inspections

Dear Mr. Daniels:

This is to inform you of the proposed mine inspections which this office intends to conduct within your State. Inspections are scheduled to be made at the following mines:

Price River Complex
Starpoint
Blazon
Bear Canyon
Coop
Hidden Valley
Huntington #4
Geneva
Wilberg
Wellington
Factory Butte
McKinnon #2
Skyline
Deer Creek
Knight
Sunnyside
Hiawatha

These inspections will be conducted during the week of September 15, 1980.

If you have any questions concerning the above matter, please contact this office.

Sincerely,

Thomas E. Ehmett

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Acting Assistant Regional Director
Division of Inspection and Enforcement

PLATEAU MINING COMPANY
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Mr. Ron Daniels
Oil, Gas & Mining Division
1588 West North Temple
Salt Lake City UT 84116

Dear Mr. Daniels:

In response to the Notice of Violations issued to us on August 15, 1980, I would like to notify you as to what we are doing to abate those violations.

OSM VIOLATIONS:

No. 1. Find enclosed copies of cover letter to BLM and right-of-way application amendment.

No. 2. We are currently working on the mining and reclamation plans for the borrow pit.

No. 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 is quite steep. We will line this ditch to prevent any erosion.

No. 4. A. We are planning to install a 21" culvert under the main road just below the truck loading facility.

B. An existing culvert farther down the same road will be eliminated to prevent disturbed area water from by-passing the sediment pond.

C. We have constructed a small detention pond at the truck loading facility. We will divert as much of the runoff from that area into the detention as possible.

No. 4. The topsoil has been removed, segregated and protected from erosion. We will seed the pile this fall.

No. 5. The topsoil has been removed, segregated and protected from erosion. We will seed the pile this fall.

No. 6. The topsoil has been removed, segregated and protected from erosion. We will seed the pile this fall.

No. 7. In the future we will monitor the discharge according to the NPDES Permit once it is issued.

No. 8. We are now in the process of monitoring the surface springs that are critical to the U.S. Forest Service grazing permits. We also are monitoring additional springs and streams that will give an indication of how the water sources are being affected by mining. We are in the process of formulating a written plan for Hydrologic Monitoring and Subsidence Monitoring. This will be an addendum to our mining permit application. This plan will be submitted to you within 60 days.

No. 9. Written reports of water monitoring data will be forwarded quarterly.

No. 10. We are presently formulating mining and reclamation plans for the Mudwater Canyon fan portal and intake portals areas.

I hope this will outline our efforts sufficiently. If you have any questions, feel free to call on me.

Sincerely,

PLATEAU MINING COMPANY

Ben Grimes
Reclamation Specialist

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cc: Joe Helfrich-DOGM
Don Crane-OSM
Tom Ehmett-OSM
Larry Damrau-OSM

No. 5. The same ditch mentioned in Violation No. 3 will serve to control the runoff from the washplant area. In addition, a small detention pond was constructed just below the washplant thickener to catch any water that spills from the thickener.

No. 6. 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.

No. 7. The topsoil has been removed, segregated and protected from erosion. We will seed the pile this fall.

No. 8. The topsoil has been removed, segregated and protected from erosion. We will seed the pile this fall.

No. 9. The topsoil has been removed, segregated and protected from erosion. We will seed the pile this fall.

DOGM VIOLATIONS:

No. 1. We constructed a small detention pond at the road switchback to control the runoff. A 12" pipe was installed as an emergency spillway in the detention basin embankment. Any significant amount of water occurring in the detention basin will be allowed to stand for a minimum of 24 hours. The water then will be removed by means of a portable pump.

No. 2. We will construct sediment control devices on the deck surface.

No. 3. We have constructed a temporary detention basin at the low point of the Borrow Pit to contain any runoff. A berm was also constructed to divert runoff into the basin. This Borrow Pit is active; therefore the detention basin may be reconstructed as the level of the pit gets lower. A detention basin will be maintained until vegetation is established and TSS are at acceptable levels.

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STATE OF UTAH

PLATEAU - CARBON COUNTY
ACT/007/006

Notice of Violation No. N 80-1-1

Violation No. 1 of 10

Nature of the Violation

FAILURE TO MAINTAIN ACCESS AND HAUL ROADS SO AS TO PREVENT CONTRIBUTIONS OF SUSPENDED SOLIDS TO STREAM FLOW OR RUN-OFF OUTSIDE THE PERMIT AREA.

Provision(s) of the Regulations, Act, or Permit Violated

MC 717.17(j)(1)

Portion of the Operation to which Notice Applies

OLD ACCESS + HAUL ROAD TO THE STARPOINT #1 PORTAL AREA AND INTERMEDIATE STOCKPILE AREA

Remedial Action Required (including interim steps, if any)

INSTALL FACILITIES TO ADEQUATELY DRAIN THE OLD ACCESS AND HAUL ROAD SO AS TO PREVENT ADDITIONAL CONTRIBUTIONS OF SUSPENDED SOLIDS TO STREAM FLOW OR TO RUNOFF OUTSIDE THE PERMIT AREA IN ACCORDANCE WITH RULE MC 717.17(j)

Time for Abatement (including time for interim steps, if any)

NO LATER THAN 8:00 AM, MONDAY, 15, SEPTEMBER 1980.

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Notice of Violation No. N 80-1-1

Violation No. 2 of 10

Nature of the Violation

FAILURE TO PASS SURFACE DRAINAGE ~~THROUGH~~ FROM THE DISTURBED AREA THROUGH SEDIMENT CONTROL FACILITIES

Provision(s) of the Regulations, Act, or Permit Violated

717.17(a)

Portion of the Operation to which Notice Applies

PAD AND ASSOSSIATED DISTURBED AREAS CONSTRUCTED AS A RESULT OF FAN AND PORTAL INSTALLATION IN MUDWATER CANYON.

Remedial Action Required (including interim steps, if any)

~~SUBMIT PLANS TO REGULATORY AUTHORITIES FOR APPROVAL UNDER THE PERMANENT REGULATORY PROGRAM.~~ PASS ALL SURFACE DRAINAGE THROUGH SEDIMENT CONTROL FACILITIES.

Time for Abatement (including time for interim steps, if any)

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Notice of Violation No. N 80-1-1

Violation No. 3 of 10

Nature of the Violation

FAILURE TO PASS SURFACE DRAINAGE FROM THE DISTURBED AREA THROUGH A SEDIMENTATION POND.

Provision(s) of the Regulations, Act, or Permit Violated

MC 717.17(a)

Portion of the Operation to which Notice Applies

BORROW PIT AREA ADJACENT TO NEW ACCESS ROAD.

Remedial Action Required (including interim steps, if any)

PASS ALL SURFACE DRAINAGE FROM THE DISTURBED AREA THROUGH A SEDIMENTATION POND.

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Notice of Violation No. N 80-1-1

Violation No. 4 of 10

Nature of the Violation

FAILURE TO SEGREGATE, STOCKPILE, AND PROTECT TOPSOIL.

Provision(s) of the Regulations, Act, or Permit Violated

MC 717.20(a)

Portion of the Operation to which Notice Applies

TOPSOIL STOCKPILE LOCATED AT SWITCHBACK ADJACENT TO LYON DECK PORTAL SEDIMENTATION POND

Remedial Action Required (including interim steps, if any)

REMOVE SEGREGATE STOCKPILE AND PROTECT TOPSOIL

Time for Abatement (including time for interim steps, if any)

NOLATER THAN 8:00 AM, MONDAY, 15 SEPTEMBER 1980.

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Notice of Violation No. N 80-1-1

Violation No. 5 of 10

Nature of the Violation

FAILURE TO SEGREGATE, STOCKPILE AND PROTECT TOPSOIL

Provision(s) of the Regulations, Act, or Permit Violated

M/C 717.20(a)

Portion of the Operation to which Notice Applies

TOPSOIL STOCKPILE LOCATED ADJACENT TO THE STARPOINT #1 INTERMEDIATE COAL STOCKPILE SEDIMENTATION POND.

Remedial Action Required (including interim steps, if any)

REMOVE SEGREGATE AND STOCKPILE TOPSOIL

Time for Abatement (including time for interim steps, if any)

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Notice of Violation No. N 80-1-1

Violation No. 6 of 10

Nature of the Violation

FAILURE TO SEGREGATE, STOCKPILE AND PROTECT TOPSOIL.

Provision(s) of the Regulations, Act, or Permit Violated

717.20(a)

Portion of the Operation to which Notice Applies

DIVERSION STRUCTURE AND SEDIMENT POND BELOW ACTIVE REFUSE PILE.

Remedial Action Required (including interim steps, if any)

REMOVE, SEGREGATE AND STOCKPILE TOPSOIL

Time for Abatement (including time for interim steps, if any)

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Notice of Violation No. N 80-1-1

Violation No. 7 of 10.

Nature of the Violation

FAILURE TO MONITOR ALL DISCHARGE FROM UNDERGROUND OPERATIONS.

Provision(s) of the Regulations, Act, or Permit Violated

R/C 717.17(b)(1)(i)

Portion of the Operation to which Notice Applies

MINE WATER DISCHARGE AT MUD WATER CANYON

Remedial Action Required (including interim steps, if any)

MONITOR QUALITY AND FLOW FOR ANY WATER THAT IS DISCHARGED FROM THE MINES AS DESCRIBED IN STATE INTERIM HYDROLOGIC MONITORING PLAN.

Time for Abatement (including time for interim steps, if any)

IMMEDIATELY AS OF AUGUST 14, 1980.

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Notice of Violation No. N 80-1-1

Violation No. 8 of 10

Nature of the Violation

FAILURE TO MONITOR GROUND WATER

Provision(s) of the Regulations, Act, or Permit Violated

M/C 717.17(h)

Portion of the Operation to which Notice Applies

SPRING SURVEY REQUIRED BY REGULATORY AUTHORITY

Remedial Action Required (including interim steps, if any)

SAMPLE WATER QUALITY AND FLOW ON A MONTHLY BASIS FROM ALL SPRINGS MAKING MORE THAN 5 GALLONS PER MINUTE WITHIN THE ANGLE OF DRAW OF THE MINING OPERATION

Time for Abatement (including time for interim steps, if any)

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Violation No. 9 of 10

Nature of the Violation

FAILURE TO REPORT WATER QUALITY DATA TO THE DIVISION.

Provision(s) of the Regulations, Act, or Permit Violated

M/C 717-17(6)(U)

Portion of the Operation to which Notice Applies

INTERIM HYDROLOGIC MONITORING PLAN

Remedial Action Required (including interim steps, if any)

QUARTERLY SUBMISSION OF TEST RESULTS AND A YEARLY REPORT EXPLAINING THE RESULTS AND ANY EXTENUATING CIRCUMSTANCES.

Time for Abatement (including time for interim steps, if any)

IMMEDIATELY AS OF AUG 14, 1980

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Notice of Violation No. N 80-1-1

Violation No. 10 of 10

Nature of the Violation

OPERATING WITHOUT A PERMIT

Provision(s) of the Regulations, Act, or Permit Violated

MC 717.11(a)
HB#138 4-10-9(a)

Portion of the Operation to which Notice Applies

MUDWATER CANYON FAN PORTAL AND 3 ENTRY AREA.

Remedial Action Required (including interim steps, if any)

SUBMIT PROPOSED MINING AND RECLAMATION PLANS TO THE DIVISION AND OSM. PROPOSED PLANS MUST BE COMPLETE AND ADEQUATE OR MUST BE SUPPLEMENTED OR MODIFIED AS DETERMINED BY THE REGULATORY AUTHORITIES. PLANS MUST BE IMPLEMENTED IMMEDIATELY UPON APPROVAL.

Time for Abatement (including time for interim steps, if any)

NO LATER THAN 8:00 AM MONDAY 13TH OCTOBER 1980

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