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Mr. James Smith Jr.
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Utah Department of Natural Resources
Division of Oil, Gas, and Mining
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Dear Mr. Smith:

On June 26, 1980, and again on July 29, 1980, the Plateau Mining Company petitioned the Office of Surface Mining (OSM) to extend mine workings into Section 6 beyond the extension authorized on March 12, 1980. OSM is presently taking this request into consideration. We can either proceed with the review as an integrated part of the entire mine plan or we can more expeditiously address the extension separate from the plan. By way of this letter, I am soliciting comments from your office concerning this petition. Because of the time factors involved a speedy response is requested.

I am attaching a copy of our March 12, 1980, letter as well as other pertinent letters from Plateau. The Federal apparent completeness review is in the final draft stages. It appears that the Starpoint Mine and Reclamation Plan will be deficient in several areas.

Thank you for your cooperation in this matter.

Sincerely,

DONALD A. CRANE

Attachments

