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February 4, 1980

Mr. Ron Daniels
Coordinator of Mined Land Development
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Dear Mr. Daniels:

Enclosed please find copies of on-site inspection reports. The inspections were conducted within Star Point Mine during the period of January 10, 1980.

If you have any questions or problems, please contact this office.

Sincerely,

Murray T. Smith
Chief, Division of Inspection & Enforcement

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REGION V ON-SITE INSPECTION REPORT

PLATEAU MINING COMPANY
STAR POINT MINE
P.O. Box 539
Price, Utah 84501

DATE: January 10, 1980
TIME: 3:30 p.m. - 5:30 p.m.
WEATHER: Blizzard
COUNTY & STATE: Carbon County, Utah
COMPANY OFFICIAL: Steve Rigby
STATE OFFICIALS: Joe Helfrich, Doug Stewart
OSM OFFICIAL: Ron Gregg, Vern Maldonado
STATE PERMIT NO: ACT/007/006

GENERAL COMMENTS

It was snowing very hard during this inspection. Blowing snow made it impossible to adequately inspect the Starpoint operation. Several feet of snow in many areas covered surface features.

717.11 Copies of Applicable Permits

A copy of a 211 mining plan that was submitted to the USGS on March 14, 1977, was available for review at the mine office.

No NPDES discharge permit was available at the site. The operator said that a permit application had been submitted. The operator was advised that a discharge permit is required if any water is to be discharged to drainage courses. No discharges could be observed on this inspection.

The operator presented a site drainage plan recently completed by a consultant. This plan was required by previous orders of the State agency. A review of the plan is presently being conducted by the operator and the State Regulatory Authority. The operator was advised that the mine must presently be in compliance with the requirements of the federal interim regulations 30 CFR 717.17. The State inspectors indicated that the operator is in violation of an order of the Board of Oil, Gas, and Mining, for their lack of compliance with drainage control regulations. Future OSM inspections should determine if violations for failure to comply with 717.17 are occurring. This was impossible at this time, due to snow.

Four federal coal leases are owned by Plateau including SL031286, U7949, U13097, and U22729.

717.15 Disposal of Spoil and Waste

The present coal waste pile was inspected. No problems were evident. In a drainage way adjacent to the present coal waste pile the operator

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indicated that a valley fill will be constructed of coal processing wastes. The operator was advised that 30 CFR 717.15(b) prohibits the deposition of coal processing wastes in valley fills. Steve Rigby said the company was going to proceed with the fill as planned.

SUMMARY

Due to snow no further actions could be taken on this inspection. Several state violations are still outstanding, including:

1. No sign at the access road at upper boundary of the minesite.
2. Runoff from disturbed areas does not pass through sediment ponds.
3. The culvert running under the upper road that leads to the load-out facility of #1 Mine needs to be cleaned out.
4. There is now coal spillage along the outslope of the area adjacent to the crusher site of the #1 portal. The spillage is caused by cleaning of the crusher.

Federal violation #1 of NOV 79-V-3-28, issued July 11, 1979, has not been terminated.



RON GREGG
RECLAMATION SPECIALIST