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Mr. Floyd Tucker
Vice President & General Manager
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RE: Plateau Mining Company
Star Point Mines
ACT/007/006
Carbon County, Utah

Dear Mr. Tucker:

I share your concern to have an approval for the Star Point Mines by November 1, 1981, as a result of your verbal agreement with Don Crane. However, due to the occurrence of many unforeseen problems and the present state of flux with both the Office of Surface Mining and the Division, as well as the dynamics of the coal industry, it appears that the November date is no longer a realistic goal.

The schedule which has been established by both the Division and the Office of Surface Mining for reviewing Plateau's permanent program permit application is progressing as rapidly as possible.

Please rest assured that a meeting will be arranged just as soon as the review can be completed, resulting in the most benefit to all concerned.

The Division is looking forward to issuing final approval to all coal mining operations in the most expeditious manner possible. As always, if you have any questions please call.

Sincerely,

JAMES W. SMITH, JR.
COORDINATOR OF MINED LAND DEVELOPMENT

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