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Mr. Floyd J. Tucker
Vice-President, General Manager
Plateau Mining Company
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Price, Utah 84501

RE: Minor Modification to
Approved Interim Plan
Sedimentation Pond
Reconstruction
Star Point Mines
ACT/007/006
Carbon County, Utah

Dear Mr. Tucker:

Pursuant to your request received July 31, 1981, concerning Plateau Mining Company's need to modify several sedimentation ponds in order to comply with UMC 817.46, the Division hereby issues approval with the following conditions:

1. Due to the limited time frame involved necessitating implementation of said modifications, the Division cannot perform a detailed technical analysis of the design specifications for all seven (7) ponds as outlined in the MRP submission. Therefore, the applicant (PMC) will assume the responsibility that said design plans and proposed reconstruction will meet the required performance standards prior to completion of the formal technical assessment (TA) by the Regulatory Authority (RA). The Division has contacted OSM and the Division of State Health concerning these modifications and has received verbal concurrence. This joint concurrence is conditioned upon the construction designs as detailed in the March/81 MRP submission (no other design specifications have been received to date).

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2. All efforts must be focused on completing all construction by October 15, 1981.
3. Plateau Mining Company must limit the potential for erosion and/or pond failures from potential storm runoff by minimizing additional surface disturbances and by reconstructing only one pond at a time. If reconstruction requires more than one week per pond refer to condition #6.
4. Any surface disturbance to new areas should provide for topsoil removal and temporary protection with immediate reclamation upon completion of pond reconstruction (UMC 817.111-817.117).
5. Any water currently contained within the ponds will be discharged according to the NPDES permit, or conveyed and disposed of on the refuse pile, or pumped into an alternate existing sediment pond for evaporation.
6. For those ponds where construction may require more than one week, alternative sediment control measures will need to be implemented. This could require construction of temporary berm(s) (possibly a combination of earth and straw filters) to divert potential runoff away from and around the pond area. The Division may also authorize the utilization of small sediment basin(s) provided all runoff is directed into said basin(s) during construction activities (UMC 817.45) Prior to actual implementation of said alternative sediment control measures, the Division must be notified and approval obtained.
7. Any alternative sediment control structure(s) utilized must be reclaimed immediately upon completion of reconstruction activities and revegetated no later than the fall of 1981 (UMC 817.43 [e]).

If you have any questions or comments please call myself or D. Wayne Hedberg of my staff.

Sincerely,

for 
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