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Mr. W. Lee Kuhre
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RE: Plateau Mining Company
Star Point Mines
ACT/007/006
Carbon County, Utah

Dear Lee:

Thank you for your letter of July 10, 1981 regarding the review of Plateau's Mining and Reclamation Plan for the Star Point Mine. The Division is well aware of Plateau's desire to have an approved permit application by November 1, 1981, as agreed upon by Mr. Don Crane and Mr. Floyd Tucker during a meeting on October 2, 1980.

Although that date has been verbally agreed upon and mentioned in correspondence since that time, I don't believe that that date has been officially declared indelible. As you know, several changes have taken place during the past six or seven months, specifically the State of Utah has obtained a conditional approval for primacy in regulating coal mining activities, and secondly the Office of Surface Mining is currently undergoing reorganizational changes. The Division is also in the process of increasing its staff to carry out its responsibilities more effectively.

However, the Division is just as concerned about issuing approval for the Star point Mines as is Plateau Mining Company and the Office of Surface Mining. The Division and the Office of Surface Mining are working closely in coordinating the review of the Mining and Reclamation Plan and are striving to meet the November 1st date as closely as possible.

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We will try to keep you informed of the review status as it progress. In the meantime if you have any questions, please don't hesitate to call either Wayne Hedberg or myself.

Sincerely,

for RW Daniels
JAMES W. SMITH, JR.
COORDINATOR OF MINED LAND DEVELOPMENT

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cc: John Nadolski, O.S.M.
Steve Rigby, Plateau