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Mr. Ben Grimes
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RE: Continued Implementation
of Current Baseline
Hydrologic Monitoring
Plan
Starpoint Mine
ACT/007/006
Carbon County, Utah

Dear Mr. Grimes:

It has recently come to the Division's attention, since our April 10, 1981 letter, that Plateau Mining Company has been implementing a baseline Hydrologic Monitoring Program as recommended by Vaughn Hansen Associates. The current monitoring plan apparently encompasses a more in-depth program for hydrologic baseline studies than was initially requested by the Division under a previous directive issued to Plateau Mining Company on July 16, 1979, to establish a program for immediate interim compliance.

At this time, the Division would suggest that Plateau continue to monitor under their 1980 hydrologic plan until the end of this water year, or until approval is received based upon the final review of Plateau's 1980 permanent program Mining and Reclamation Plan (MRP).

We apologize for the oversight in this matter and hope no major inconvenience has resulted from this misunderstanding.

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

Sincerely,

JAMES W. SMITH, JR.
COORDINATOR OF MINED
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cc: Don Crane, OSM

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