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RE: Plateau Mining Company
Plateau Mine
ACT/007/006
Carbon County, Utah

Sandy Pruitt met with Mel Coonrod on April 26, 1982, at the Plateau Mine upon request to discuss NOV #1 (N82-2-3-1) issued on April 7, 1982, in his absence. Mr. Coonrod contests the NOV in that some effort had been made to address several of the compliance problems prior to citation and for various other reasons (construction activities, permits, weather, etc.). Mr. Coonrod was made aware of the noncompliance situation present at the time of citation and informed that his excuses for the noncompliance should be presented to the assessment officer for consideration in reassessment of the negligence penalty.

The NOV had not yet been abated at the time of this inspection. A berm was under construction around the rock dust bin (Area #1). A supply line from the rock dust bin to the mine was buried right next to drop drain #3 and blocked drainage from the watershed above into the drain. This is a design problem which should be addressed for abatement of the NOV. A berm was constructed across the old road from the stacker pad (Area #2) as required. Diversion ditch #12 (Area #3) was unchanged. Diversion ditch #11 along the tipple (Area #4) would still receive disturbed area drainage. The snow/waste on the lower switchback (Area #5) had not been removed as required, but had melted quite a bit. Another straw dike was set in the drainage ditch below the disposal site. An earthen berm was constructed along the side of the road across the ditch and in front of the waste pile, so road runoff water ponded at the base of the berm. There was no clear reason for this design. The ponded water would most likely drain down the road and then back into the undisturbed drainage channel lower down canyon circumventing the sediment control structures in the ditch. This design was never discussed with this inspector who has requested that this structure be removed. Mel Coonrod pointed out that trash in the ditch was pre-Act and most likely placed there during construction of the fill. He has proposed burying the trash with the berm material and re-routing the drainage ditch around the trash site on the toe of the pond, re-establishing sediment control in the ditch.

PMC is considering modifying construction plans for sediment pond #2 as they foresee a continual need for the borrow area even after road repair this summer. An error in the topsoil volume estimate of the refuse extension plan has necessitated new plans for storage of 296,000 cubic yards of topsoil. Thirty-five thousand cubic yards of topsoil can be stored by the present stockpile. Approximately 5,000 cubic yards may be used in phase I reclamation

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of the eastern end of the refuse pile. PMC is developing plans to stockpile the remaining volume in a valley fill to the north and east of the tipple. PMC is also considering removing the old refuse pile at the east end of the tipple/loading pad to the active refuse pile to expand the coal stockpile area to accommodate 800,000 tons of coal and the construction of another catchment basin for settling coal fines before sediment pond #4. Plans will be submitted soon for DOGM review and approval.

SANDY PRUITT *SP*
RECLAMATION OFFICER

cc: Tom Ehmett, OSM
Mel Coonrod, Plateau Mining Company
Inspection Staff

SP/btb

Statistics:

Vehicle: #EX 45424--401 miles
Per Diem: 1 person X 1 day, 8 hours = \$45.78
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