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RE: Division Review of Plateau  
Mining Company's Revision to  
Refuse Pile Extension Plan  
Star Point Mines  
ACT/007/006  
Carbon/Emery Counties, Utah

Dear Floyd:

The Division has completed its review of Plateau Mining Company's (PMC) latest submission concerning a minor revision to the previously approved plan for extension of the refuse pile. The Division is recommending conditional approval to commence implementation of said plan, contingent upon the company's acceptance and response to the following stipulations.

The Office of Surface Mining (OSM) has had seven (7) copies of the revision forwarded to their Denver office, and will receive a copy of this review as well. PMC will also need to address any additional requirements deemed necessary as a result of OSM's review of the plan and our comments.

Stipulation 6-14-82-1(DWH)

PMC verbally informed the Division (June 9, 1982) that the proposed areas of disturbance have been covered by an archeologic/historical survey under the existing Mining and Reclamation Plan (MRP).

PMC should provide written confirmation to this statement by listing all the appropriate referenced sections and/or existing archeological documents from the MRP substantiating this statement (August 31, 1982).

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Stipulation 6-14-82-2(DWH)

The plan as submitted does not specify the final reclamation plans for the area of proposed disturbance.

The company should provide the Division with a final reclamation plan for this area detailing the methods and techniques to be utilized in ultimate reclamation of this site (i.e., regrading, removal of structures, revegetation, monitoring, etc.).

Stipulation 4-14-82-3(LK)

Reclamation procedures as outlined in the approved MRP are acceptable; however, a seed mix for permanent reclamation of the subsoil stockpile area needs to be developed. Introduced species should be justified as per UMC 817.112, e.g., proven nutritional value for wildlife, compatible with surrounding vegetation, necessary to stabilize soil while native species establish themselves, important and/or necessary to postmining land-use (deadline August 31, 1982).

Stipulation 6-14-82-4(LK)

The area that was inspected and flagged under the supervision of the Division personnel on June 8, 1982 will be established and marked (per the March 1982 revision of DOGM's Vegetation Guidelines) as a reference area for the soil stockpile area. Sampling should be done within the first two (2) weeks of July 1982 and the report submitted to the Division for review and approval by August 31, 1982.

Stipulation 6-14-82-5(TLP)

The terraces which are provided on the leading edge/downslope of the subsoil stockpile should be pitched to the inside (towards the stockpile) to decrease erosion caused by runoff and prevent mass slumping and to enhance the local moisture regime. The terraces must have a one (1) to two (2) percent slope built in at the time of construction.

Stipulation 6-14-82-6(TLP)

PMC should secure an access to the detention basin site. This access should remain for the life of the stockpile which will allow the operator to construct, maintain and repair the detention basin and stockpile as necessary.

Stipulation 6-14-82-7(TLP)

As an interim protection measure, the subsoil surface should be left in a semi-compacted state until the time of seedbed preparation including scarification. This approach will afford a measure of protection from wind and water erosion during the interim period of time prior to reseeding.

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Stipulation 6-14-82-8(TLP)

Any soil removed from the sediment detention basin shall be utilized first to repair any rills on the subsoil stockpile. If not needed for this, the sediment should be stockpiled along the base of the stockpile and seeded with the interim seed mix.

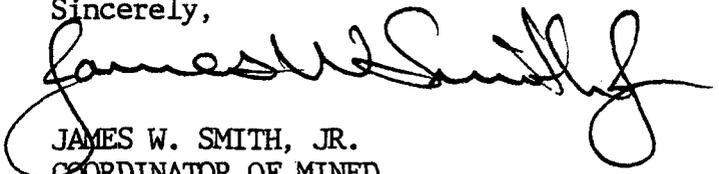
Stipulation 6-14-82-9(DWH)

PMC has not discussed how the company proposes to bond the new area of surface disturbance. The Division would suggest that this concern be handled by means of the annual reassessment bonding provision pursuant to the approved MRP.

This will require the company to provide all necessary information pertinent to this area in the annual summary ninety (90) days prior to the effective permit anniversary date.

If you have any questions concerning the content of this letter, please contact myself or D. Wayne Hedberg of my staff.

Sincerely,



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