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Mr. Allen D. Klein, Director  
Western Technical Center  
Office of Surface Mining  
Brooks Towers  
1020 Fifteenth Street  
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Attention: Bob Bamberg

RE: Minor Revision to the  
Reclamation Schedule  
Refuse Pile Expansion Plan  
Plateau Mining Company  
Star Point Mines  
ACT/007/006  
Carbon County, Utah

Dear Mr. Klein:

Enclosed please find one (1) copy of PMC's recent submission of a minor revision to their approved Refuse Pile Expansion Plan. We have asked the company to prepare six (6) additional copies for your review and filing purposes.

Briefly, the revision will involve an expansion of the current coal stockpile onto an area currently occupied by refuse material. A portion of this refuse will have to be relocated into the previously approved refuse expansion area sooner than previously predicted. Due to an error in the original computations of topsoil available in this expansion area, the company must now utilize a new area to temporarily store the increased volume of soil to be stripped.

The new area selected for stockpiling of the excess topsoil is located within the approved permit area and, therefore, will not require additional right-of-ways or increases in the size of the permit area.

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The company has expressed a crucial need to begin initial excavation work by June 10 of this year in order to avoid any unnecessary reduction in production and possible corresponding lay-off of personnel.

The Division has informed PMC that we will do our best to try and complete the review as soon as possible. We have also made the company aware of the fact that due to the extreme time constraints, there is a good chance that the review may not be completed by the requested date.

It is the Division's opinion that this minor revision does not constitute a significant change or departure from the approved refuse pile expansion plan and hopefully should not present unnecessary delays with review and approval.

The Division is proceeding with the review and will forward a copy of our comments to your office as soon as possible. We welcome any additional input from your technical staff and will incorporate those comments into our final review to be forwarded to the company.

If this method of review presents any major objections or problems, please contact our office at your earliest convenience. We appreciate your cooperation and assistance in resolving this pressing issues.

Sincerely,

  
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DEPUTY DIRECTOR

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