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Mr. Wayne Hedberg
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RE: Hydrology

Dear Wayne;

Two ditches which divert runoff water to Sediment Pond No. 5 were to be lined with riprap according to our approved plan.

Ditch No. 12 - Sections B and C: This ditch has been in existence for sixteen years and has stabilized itself. The material at the bottom of the ditch consists of sandstone boulders and mancos shale, which are effective protection from erosion. We would like to ask for an exemption from the approved plan based on the following reasons:

1. Ditch is stable.
2. To fill in the ditch and reshape it would require a thirty foot swath to be cut through existing topsoil and vegetation.
3. The ditch flows to a sediment pond which prevents any sediment from leaving the permit area.
4. The lower two-thirds of the ditch will be covered by refuse as the refuse pile extends to the west.

We believe the best solution to the problem is to leave the ditch as it exists. Additional disturbance to fill it in would only create more sedimentation and disturbance to topsoil and vegetation.

Ditch No. 6 - Section A: This ditch follows a Class III road used for access by crawler tractors only two or three times a year.

We would like to ask for an exemption from the approved plan based on the following reasons:

1. The road will not be needed after the No. 1 Mine is closed. The mine will be mined-out and closed late in 1984, at which time the road would be reclaimed.
2. To construct the ditch according to the approved plan, we would have to widen the existing roadway by five feet to allow room for riprapped ditch and an access road. This would create additional disturbance to vegetation and topsoil.

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3. There is only minor erosion in the bottom one-third of the ditch. The drainage area is 5 acres with the majority of the area contributing to the bottom one-third of the ditch.

We believe this ditch should be left as it exists and reclaimed when the No. 1 Mine is closed. Additional disturbance at this time would only create additional sedimentation, disturbance to topsoil and destruction of vegetation.

I discussed these ditches with Dave Lof a couple of weeks ago, and he suggested I write asking for these considerations.

If you have questions, please call. Please advise if you concur with our recommendations.

Best regards,

PLATEAU MINING COMPANY



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Environmental Coordinator

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