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Mr. Ben A. Grimes
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RE: Abatement Plan Review
NOV N83-1-4-3, #1 of 3
Permanent Access Road
Star Point Mines
ACT/007/006, Folder #3 & 7
Carbon County, Utah

Dear Ben:

The Division has completed the review of Plateau Mining Company's (PMC) revised plans (September 22, 1983) submitted to abate NOV N83-1-4-3, #1 of 3. Portions 2 of 3 and 3 of 3 were previously approved by the Division on September 6, 1983.

The following items still remain unresolved and must be addressed before the abatement plans demonstrate compliance for #1 of 3:

1. A description of how subsoil will be handled for the road interval from 900 feet to 1,050 feet (i.e., where new construction will occur).
2. FMC should indicate the method and timing of revegetation, if it deviates from their approved plan.
3. Sediment loss prevention has been addressed with regard to water erosion from the stockpile. However, the plan fails to address wind erosion. The operator must also provide a plan to abate wind erosion from the stockpile until revegetation stabilizes the site.

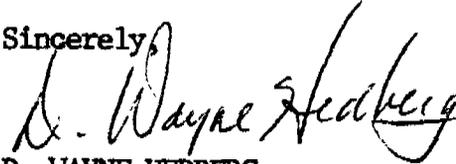
It is the Division's opinion that FMC's request for an exemption from UMC 817.172 is approvable in accordance with the justification outlined by FMC in the September 22 1983 letter.

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Once these items have been adequately addressed the Division will be able to determine the abatement plans approvable.

If you have any questions, please call me or Tom Portle of the Division staff.

Sincerely,



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