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DIVISION OF OIL  
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Mr. Jim Smith  
Division of Oil, Gas and Mining  
4241 State Office Bldg.  
Salt Lake City, Utah 84114

Re: Star Point Mines ACT/007/006, Mining  
Reclamation Plan Revision, Unit  
Train Loadout Facility

Dear Mr. Smith:

Plateau Mining Company requests approval from the Division to stockpile soil material salvaged from the bad-lands soil type at a location near Sedimentation Pond 8, as shown on the enclosed Map 10, Plateau Unit Train Loadout Reclamation Map.

This request is a result of the special conditions specified in the Bureau of Land Management Right-of-Way Permit #U-52409, which conditions were attached to the permit revision approval of the Star Point Mines Mining and Reclamation Plan for the Unit Train Facility.

Item #14 of these special conditions require that the salvaged soil material be stockpiled within the right-of-way boundary. However, there have been no stockpile locations approved for this area. Consequently, the area within the right-of-way was evaluated for possible topsoil stockpile sites. A suitable site was selected and its location designated on the enclosed map. This site is virtually the only acceptable site available. During an inspection of the area on October 10, 1984 by Tom Portle, Division Reclamation Soil Specialist, this and one other possible site were selected. The second site was originally considered to be the preferred location and the site being recommended was the alternate site. However, with the present location of the access road, there is not an adequate amount of usable area at the second site. Thus, the alternate site is suggested for approval.

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It is calculated that the recommended stockpile will contain all of the soil material that will be removed and stored from the area.

On site storage of the badlands soil material will reduce the hazard of contamination of this material with the higher quality topsoil that is presently being stored at the previously approved stockpile. It will avoid the rehandling of the topsoil in the existing stockpile which would have to be consolidated in order to make room for the badlands materials. It will also aid in the segregation, identification and redistribution of the material during final reclamation of the mine.

It is not expected that coal dust contamination from the coal loading activities will occur. The stockpile is situated approximately 600 feet from the loading site and is at right angles to the prevailing wind. A negligible amount of coal dust will be generated from the silo and loadout operation which will be equipped with special dust suppression equipment.

If there are any questions regarding the approval of this topsoil stockpile location, please call.

Sincerely,

PLATEAU MINING COMPANY



Ben Grimes  
Environmental Coordinator

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