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Mr. James Smith  
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DIVISION OF  
OIL, GAS & MINING

Dear Mr. Smith:

Plateau Mining Company, as part of its approved Mining Plan, discussed the use of longwall methods to mine the western portions of its leases. Longwall methods were addressed in Volume I, Chapter 3, Sections 3.4.1.1, 3.4.1.3, 3.4.1.4, 3.4.1.5, 3.4.3, 3.4.3.2, and 3.4.3.2.3. All appropriate sections of the permit application addressed the effects of longwall mining, such as Geology, Hydrology, and Subsidence.

Currently, a longwall machine is being installed in the Wattis Seam in Lease SL-031286 and will be operational by the end of April. Approximately 50% of this lease will be mined by the longwall method with support mining being accomplished with continuous miners.

There are several reasons for using longwall methods, i.e., greater resource recovery, safer than other methods, and more economical.

This letter is to update you on Plateau's operational status.

If you have any questions, please phone me at 637-2875.

Sincerely,

PLATEAU MINING COMPANY



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Environmental Coordinator

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