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CERTIFIED RETURN RECEIPT REQUESTED
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Mr. Ben Grimes
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Price, Utah 84501

Dear Mr. Grimes:

Re: Approval of Variance Request for Sediment Ponds No. 3 and 5, Plateau Mining Company, Star Point Mines, ACT/007/006, #3 and #4, Carbon County, Utah

The Division's technical staff has reviewed Plateau's November 27, 1984 submission of information requested for approval of variance request for PE certification for Sediment Ponds No. 3 and 5 at the Star Point Mines.

Based on the information submitted the Division finds that pond 3 and pond 5 have adequate sediment and runoff storage capacity (see Vaughn Hansen Associates response), that the "as-built" survey of the ponds conducted and certified by Mr. Bruce T. S. Ware (a registered land surveyer) show that the designs of the constructed ponds closely approximate the approved plan; and that the stability analyses of ponds No. 3 and 5 conducted by R & M consultants show the existing embankments to be stable.

Based on the above findings, the Division hereby grants a variance of PE Certification requirements for Sediment Ponds No. 3 and 5. As a condition to this approval, the Division requests Plateau Mining Company to incorporate this information and certification variance into its Mining and Reclamation Plan (MRP) and to provide eight (8) additional copies to the Division so that the appropriate state and federal MRP's can be updated with the latest information. If you have any questions, please call.

Sincerely,

D. Wayne Hedberg
Permit Supervisor/
Reclamation Hydrologist

Review Chronology:

A. Operator Submittals
1. 10/16/84
2. 11/27/84

B. DOGM Responses
1. 10/23/84
2. 12/7/84

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