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November 29, 1984

CERTIFIED RETURN RECEIPT REQUESTED
P 402 456 982

Mr. Ben Grimes
Plateau Mining Company
P. O. Box 539
Price, Utah 84501

Dear Mr. Grimes:

RE: Finalized Assessment for State Violation No. N83-4-14-1
ACT/007/006 Catalog # 8, Carbon County, Utah

The civil penalty for the above referenced violation has been finalized. This assessment has been finalized as a result of a review of all pertinent data and facts which were not available on the date of the proposed assessment, due to the length of the abatement period.

Within fifteen (15) days of your receipt of this letter, you or your agent may make a written appeal to the Board of Oil, Gas and Mining. To do so, you must have escrowed the assessed civil penalty with the Division within a maximum of 30 days of receipt of this letter, but in all cases prior to the Board Hearing. Failure to comply with this requirement will result in a waiver of your right of further recourse.

If no timely appeal is made, this assessed civil penalty must be tendered to the Division within thirty (30) days of your receipt of this letter.

Thank you for your cooperation.

Sincerely,

RW Daniels
Ronald W. Daniels
Assessment Officer

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cc: Donna Griffin, OSM Albuquerque Field Office
B. Roberts, Attorney Generals Office
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WORKSHEET FOR ASSESSMENT OF PENALTIES
UTAH DIVISION OF OIL, GAS AND MINING

COMPANY/MINE Plateau Mining Company NOV # N83-4-14-1

PERMIT #ACT/007/006 VIOLATION 1 OF 1

I. HISTORY MAX 25 PTS

A. Are there previous violations which are not pending or vacated, which fall within 1 year of today's date?

ASSESSMENT DATE 1-11-84 EFFECTIVE ONE YEAR DATE 1-11-83

PREVIOUS VIOLATIONS	EFF. DATE	PTS	PREVIOUS VIOLATIONS	EFF. DATE	PTS
<u>N83-6-4-2</u>	<u>10-8-83</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>N83-4-5-6-1</u>	<u>10-8-83</u>	<u>1</u>
<u>N83-6-1-1</u>	<u>5-27-83</u>	<u>1</u>			<u>1</u>

1 point for each past violation, up to one year
5 points for each past violation in a CO, up to one year
No pending notices shall be counted

TOTAL HISTORY POINTS 4

II. SERIOUSNESS (either A or B)

NOTE: For assignment of points in Parts II and III, the following applies. Based on the facts supplied by the inspector, the Assessment Officer will determine within which category the violation falls. Beginning at the mid-point of the category, the AO will adjust the points up or down, utilizing the inspector's and operator's statements as guiding documents.

Is this an Event (A) or Hindrance (B) violation? Event

A. Event Violations MAX 45 PTS

- What is the event which the violated standard was designed to prevent? Water Pollution
- What is the probability of the occurrence of the event which a violated standard was designed to prevent?

PROBABILITY	RANGE	MID-POINT
None	0	
Insignificant	1-4	2
Unlikely	5-9	7
Likely	10-14	12
Occurred	15-20	17

ASSIGN PROBABILITY OF OCCURRENCE POINTS 17

PROVIDE AN EXPLANATION OF POINTS Event Occurred

- Would or did the damage or impact remain within the exploration or permit area? No

	RANGE	MID-POINT
Within Exp/Permit Area	0-7*	4
Outside Exp/Permit Area	8-25*	16

*In assigning points, consider the duration and extent of said damage or impact, in terms of area and impact on the public or environment.

ASSIGN DAMAGE POINTS 22

PROVIDE AN EXPLANATION OF POINTS Surface disturbed area was increased greatly.

B. Hindrance Violations MAX 25 PTS

1. Is this a potential or actual hindrance to enforcement? No

	RANGE	MID-POINT
Potential hindrance	1-12	7
Actual hindrance	13-25	19

Assign points based on the extent to which enforcement is hindered by the violation.

ASSIGN HINDRANCE POINTS _____

PROVIDE AN EXPLANATION OF POINTS _____

TOTAL SERIOUSNESS POINTS (A or B) _____

III. NEGLIGENCE MAX 30 PTS

A. Was this an inadvertent violation which was unavoidable by the exercise of reasonable care? IF SO - NO NEGLIGENCE;
 OR Was this a failure of a permittee to prevent the occurrence of a violation due to indifference, lack of diligence, or lack of reasonable care, or the failure to abate any violation due to the same? IF SO - NEGLIGENCE;
 OR Was this violation the result of reckless, knowing, or intentional conduct? IF SO - GREATER DEGREE OF FAULT THAN NEGLIGENCE.

		MID-POINT
No Negligence	0	
Negligence	1-15	8
Greater Degree of Fault	16-30	23

STATE DEGREE OF NEGLIGENCE Ordinary

ASSIGN NEGLIGENCE POINTS 12

PROVIDE AN EXPLANATION OF POINTS A potential problem was pointed out on July 28, 1983

IV. GOOD FAITH MAX -20 PTS. (either A or B)

A. Did the operator have onsite the resources necessary to achieve compliance of the violated standard within the permit area? IF SO -EASY ABATEMENT

Easy Abatement Situation
 Immediate Compliance -11 to -20*
 (Immediately following the issuance of the NOV)
 Rapid Compliance -1 to -10*
 (Permittee used diligence to abate the violation)
 Normal Compliance 0
 (Operator complied within the abatement period required)

*Assign in upper or lower half of range depending on abatement occurring in 1st or 2nd half of abatement period.

B. Did the permittee not have the resources at hand to achieve compliance OR does the situation require the submission of plans prior to physical activity to achieve compliance? IF SO - DIFFICULT ABATEMENT SITUATION

Difficult Abatement Situation
 Rapid Compliance -11 to -20*
 (Permittee used diligence to abate the violation)
 Normal Compliance -1 to -10*
 (Operator complied within the abatement period required)
 Extended Compliance 0
 (Permittee took minimal actions for abatement to stay within the limits of the NOV or the violated standard, or the plan submitted for abatement was incomplete)

EASY OR DIFFICULT ABATEMENT? N/A ASSIGN GOOD FAITH POINTS 0

PROVIDE AN EXPLANATION OF POINTS Not applicable - no additional information or request for a conferance was received.

V. ASSESSMENT SUMMARY FOR N83-4-14-1

I. TOTAL HISTORY POINTS	<u> 4 </u>
II. TOTAL SERIOUSNESS POINTS	<u> 39 </u>
III. TOTAL NEGLIGENCE POINTS	<u> 12 </u>
IV. TOTAL GOOD FAITH POINTS	<u> 0 </u>
 TOTAL ASSESSED POINTS	 <u> 55 </u>
 TOTAL ASSESSED FINE	 <u> 1180.00 </u>

ASSESSMENT DATE 11-23-84 ASSESSMENT OFFICER Ronald W. Daniels

PROPOSED ASSESSMENT X FINAL ASSESSMENT