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CERTIFIED RETURN RECEIPT REQUESTED
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Mr. Walter Mueller, Jr.
Vice-President
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Plateau Mining Company
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Dear Gentlemen:

RE: Directive and Approval to Contain Discharge from the Preparation Plant, Starpoint Mines, ACT/007/006, #3, #4, and #7, Carbon County, Utah

The Division hereby directs and grants approval, on an emergency basis, to your company to discharge and contain slurry from the preparation plant in the two small incised settling basins located at the discharge point for the slurry from the preparation plant. This directive/approval is based upon three things:

1. A recommendation by Division Mining Field Specialist David Lof which is based on field observations.

2. You, the operator, have successfully been doing this as an interim operational compliance measure for Notice of Violation N84-4-7-6, #2 of 6 for 2.5 months already without any apparent problems.

3. The fact that you have been diligently working on the development of plans for permanent slurry ponds to be implemented this year. David Lof and Division hydrologists have been involved in a cursory review of these plans as they are being developed.

Attached to the approval are the following stipulations:

Stipulation 7-23-84-1 — There cannot be any discharge from the two basins.

Stipulation 7-23-84-2	Water from the basins may be recycled to the preparation plant.
Stipulation 7-23-84-3	Solid waste removed from the basins will be disposed of within the refuse disposal area.
Stipulation 7-23-84-4	The basins must be inspected daily and a written log kept of these inspections. The log should include: Date, time approximate volume of slurry in basins, approximate volume of water recycled to the preparation plant, if any, description of problems with the basins, and the signature of the inspector.
Stipulation 7-23-84-5	Plans for the permanent slurry treatment ponds must be submitted to the Division by August 20, 1984.
Stipulation 7-23-84-6	The permanent slurry treatment ponds must be completed by November 20, 1984, at which time this approval will be null and void.

Failure to comply with this directive/approval will result in the issuance of a Notice of Violation. If you have any questions regarding this action please do not hesitate to call myself or Joe Helfrich, Field Supervisor.

Sincerely,

Ronald W. Daniels

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Associate Director of Mining

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