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Mr. Allen D. Klein, Administrator
Western Technical Center
Office of Surface Mining
Brooks Towers
1020 Fifteenth Street
Denver, Colorado 80202

ATTENTION: Mr. Dave Maxwell

RE: Plateau Mining Company
Unit Train/Loadout Modification
Star Point Mines
ACT/007/006, Folder No. 3
Carbon County, Utah

Dear Mr. Klein:

The Utah Division of Oil, Gas and Mining has made a determination regarding the permitting approach to be taken with Plateau Mining Company's recent submittal for their new Unit Train/Loadout Facility.

The Division has previously forwarded six (6) copies of the proposal to your office via a transmittal letter dated December 12, 1983. At that time a decision had not yet been made as to how the application would be permitted.

The following justification is provided to support the Division's decision to review this proposal as a revision to the originally approved permanent program permit application:

1. The original underground mining permit application included the concept for the Unit Train/Loadout Facility. Several areas were identified in the original permit application as possible location(s) for the planned facility.

   The site recently chosen for the actual location of the facilities was approved conceptually in the overall permit application by the Division and the OSM. It was included within the legal description portion of the approval notice (i.e., portions of the NE1/4 and the NW1/4, Section 15, Township 15 South, Range 8 East).

2. The major portion of the environmental baseline data for the area(s) to be impacted was included within the original permit application. However, there was insufficient design detail to bond and approve the proposal at that time.

3. There will be approximately nine (9) acres of new disturbance associated with the project. Of this figure, approximately one half of the disturbance will be located within a new section of land to be added to the previously approved permit area boundary.

   The principal disturbance located within the new section of land will constitute a corridor for the proposed coal conveyor system, an attendant Class II access/maintenance road and sedimentation ponds to control surface drainage. A coal storage silo is proposed to be constructed within the Utah Railroad right-of-way situated at the terminus of the corridor.

   It is the Division's opinion that this additional area would constitute an incidental boundary revision to the original permitted area. As such, the proposal would fall under UMC 788.12(a)(1)(iii).

The Division has scheduled this revision for review, establishing a tentative target date for reaching a decision on completeness by February 10, 1984. The Division requests your concurrence with this review determination and schedule. Should you or your staff have any questions or comments relative to either our position or the contents of the proposal, please contact me or D. Wayne Hedberg of the Division's technical staff.

Sincerely,

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Coordinator of Mined
Land Development

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