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Re: Mid-Term Permit Review

Dear Mr. Braxton:

I am in receipt of your November 7, letter regarding mid-term permit review.

Since Plateau submitted its permit application, numerous permits have been submitted and approved for additions or changes at Plateau. With the exception of the Unit Train application, none of the applications were incorporated and integrated into the overall permit. As you may know, and your staff can verify, trying to track through any given subject in our permitting is a frustrating and difficult task.

We are up for permit renewal on January 27, 1987, which means we must submit for renewal by September 27, 1986. We are going to completely re-format our permit in the same manner in which our Unit Train permit application was submitted. This will allow us to incorporate all subsequent submittals, both new permits, and violation abatement plans. We have budgeted and scheduled to begin this task on January 2, 1986.

To avoid duplication of effort both on our part and on the Division's part, we would like to propose that we work out an agreement and schedule with the Division to accomplish this process incorporating the mid-term review. We are anticipating the complete re-write to take approximately eight months. As you can imagine, this will be a major project, but Plateau and our new parent company, Cyprus Coal Company, have committed the funds to accomplish it.

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We are hopeful that this proposal is acceptable to the Division. Since we are already sixteen months past our mid-term, and only ten months away from permit renewal, we think it is logical to recommend this course of action.

Please consider this proposal and let me know the Division's position. I would be glad to meet with you to work out the details at a mutually agreeable time.

If you have questions please give me a call.

Respectfully,



Ben Grimes
Environmental
Coordinator

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cc: Bob Lauman