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Regional Administrator
Environmental Protection Agency
Suite 103, 1860 Lincoln Street
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DIVISION OF OIL
GAS & MINING

RE: NPDES DISCHARGE POINT 001

Dear Sir:

On January 3, 1985 we discharged water at Point 001; results of the sample taken showed a TDS level of 682 mg/l, which is above our limit of 650 mg/l. Duration of this discharge was short, approximately 8 hours. The next time water was discharged was on March 13; this time the TDS level was 718 mg/l. We are getting more water in the mine recently, requiring us to discharge approximately 3 days per week. Another sample was taken on March 22 with a TDS level of 686 mg/l. The most recent data received of a sample taken on March 26 had a TDS level of 647 mg/l.

On March 22, we initiated an in-mine water sampling program to try to pinpoint the source of the high TDS water. Three samples were taken at major collection points, with the results showing two samples above 650 mg/l and one below.

We will continue to collect in-mine samples to evaluate specific source quality and quantity in an attempt to solve the problem.

Since the latest sample was below our limit, no additional action is planned at this time. We will watch carefully the TDS level at Point 001, and if further problems exist, additional action will be taken.

If you have questions, don't hesitate to call.

Respectfully,

PLATEAU MINING COMPANY



Ben Grimes
Environmental Coordinator

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cc: Wayne Hedberg ✓
Utah Dept. of Health