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TO: Coal File, Inspection and Enforcement Folder
FROM: Barton D. Kale, Mining Field Specialist *BOX*
RE: Plateau Mining Company, ACT/007/006, Folder #7, Carbon
County, Utah

A partial inspection was conducted at the above mentioned mine site by Barton Kale of the Division on April 24, 1985. The inspector was accompanied by Ben Grimes of Plateau Mining Company.

The silt fence guarding the undisturbed drainage across from the Lion Deck trash bin was viewed during this inspection. This silt fence had been covered with snow when NOV 85-6-3-1 was written concerning drainage from trash entering the drop drain. The fact that a silt fence was in place precipitated the vacation of that violation and the issuance of NOV 85-6-6-1 concerning the placement of noncoal waste (see memo to coal file, dated April 30, 1985 concerning action on this situation).

The operator discussed with the inspector the prospect of the county road crews widening mine entrance the road. The county crews are in the process of doing the work from the Hiawatha - Plateau junction. The operator was informed that in order for the road to be widened within the permit area they must have approval from the Division. Mr. Grimes showed the inspector a letter from Lowell Braxton of the Division dated April 4, 1985, which stated that he did not anticipate any problems as long as the appropriate maps were submitted. The inspector stated that this did not constitute approval and that they must possess a letter which implicitly states that they have received all plans and are hereby granted approval.

At the time of this inspection Plateau equipment was removing test plot topsoil in the path of the conveyor to be built. The soil was being placed in the existing topsoil pile across the road.

The new underflow ponds are functioning again although the associated overflow pond needs to be cleaned of mud.

The operator also discussed the construction of perimeter markers along the road to the unit train loadout. The railroad right-of-way prohibits the placement of anything within a certain distance of the tracks. Ground level markers spray painted orange were suggested as long as they are maintained and kept at appropriate intervals.

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The subsoil stockpile needs a row of strawbales inside the gate. Some rills and gullies had to be stabilized once the ground dries. The vegetation growth looks adequate. There are some settling cracks that may enlarge with precipitation draining through them. These will need to be watched.

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cc: Ben Grimes, Plateau
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Statistics:

Vehicle: EX45429 X 420 miles
Per Diem: 1 person X 2 days = \$88.
Grant: A&E

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