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November 14, 1985

Mr. Ben Grimes
Plateau Mining Company
P. O. Drawer PMC
Price, Utah 84501

Dear Mr. Grimes:

RE: Approval of Request for Extension of Time to Complete
Reconstruction Activities of Pond #2, Star Point Mines,
ACT/007/006, #4, Carbon County, Utah

This letter is forwarded in response to your November 7, 1985 telefax request for a two-week time extension to complete the approved (August 5, 1985) construction activities associated with sediment pond #2 at the Star Point Mine. This request follows a previous (October 30th) phone request for a one week extension which was granted by letter dated November 4, 1985.

The Division finds the operator's justification (embankment compaction and equipment failure problems) for the two-week extension approvable. Given the current weather conditions, the Division is concerned whether two weeks will be sufficient time to complete the pond construction? If the pond is not completed this month, weather constraints may delay construction until next spring.

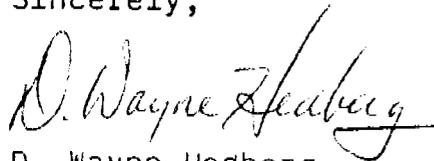
It is our understanding that a temporary runoff control structure has been implemented just upstream from the excavated area of sediment pond #2. This structure is intended to provide a temporary means of controlling surface runoff until pond construction is complete.

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It is the Division's opinion that three (3) months should have been adequate to complete the pond construction activities. We request that PMC make every effort to try and complete the construction this year. However, we do not encourage completing the construction if the structural integrity of the impoundment would be jeopardized due to unfavorable working conditions.

Should you have any questions, please call. Please notify us when the pond construction is completed.

Sincerely,



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