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Mr. Ben Grimes
Plateau Mining Company
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Price, Utah 84501

Dear Mr. Grimes:

RE: Mid-Term Permit Review, Starpoint Mines, ACT/007/006, #2,
Carbon County, Utah

In June of 1985, I sent you correspondence discussing timing on permit renewal for the Starpoint Mines scheduled for evaluation in the fall of 1986 and in the same letter I indicated that a mid-term renewal of Plateau's present permit would be initiated in 1985.

At that time, I provided you with a draft of the mid-term review policy which the Division had formulated. Enclosed please find the finalized policy and procedure for mid-term coal permit review. We would like to initiate Step #1 of this review in the near future and will be contacting you accordingly.

In the meantime, if you have questions regarding specifically Step #1 or any other of the steps enumerated in the mid-term review process, please feel free to contact me.

Sincerely,

Lowell P. Braxton
Administrator
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POLICY AND PROCEDURES FOR MID-TERM REVIEW OF COAL PERMITS

At the required time for a mid-permit term review (as outlined under UMC/SMC 788.11) the Division technical staff review team assigned to the permit may undertake any or all of the following measures. Prior to the initiation of the review the permittee will be notified by letter which measures will be taken and given an approximate timeframe for completion of the review.

1. Check to see that the mining and reclamation plan (MRP) is completely updated and consolidated into a coherent organized document, and that all permit conditions, commitments, mine plan revisions and modifications made since the last review are incorporated appropriately into the mine plan.
2. Check to see that the MRP complies with current Division policy and/or revised regulations which have been implemented since the last review.
3. Spot check the MRP by technical discipline to determine potential for application of best available technology.
4. Visit the minesite (technical inspection) in conjunction with the Inspection and Enforcement staff to check on-the-ground compliance with the mine plan, success or failure of reclamation efforts, erosion control, etc.
5. Recheck to see that all reclamation fees, fines and forfeitures have been paid, that there are no outstanding violations or demonstrated patterns of willful violations, and that the bond is sufficient and up to date (i.e. current year dollars).

FINDINGS

For each of the previously mentioned review measures undertaken by the Division, a written finding will be made as to the adequacy of the current status of the applicant's MRP. This will be sent to the company with a detailed description of all information required from the company to remedy any inadequacies and a time frame for submittal of such information. Response times in most cases will not exceed 60 days unless specific exceptions are made by the Division.

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