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Mr. Ben Grimes
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Dear Mr. Grimes:

RE: Final Approval for Abatement Plans, Cessation Order
C84-4-3-1, Reclamation of Exploration Road, Plateau Mining
Company, Star Point Mines, ACT/007/006, #4 and #7, Carbon
County, Utah

This letter is a follow-up to confirm the Division's position on the ultimate reclamation of the exploration road pursuant to the Cessation Order (CO) cited above.

On September 28, 1984, Plateau Mining Company (PMC) submitted a plan to reclaim the temporary access road on the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) Right-of-Way U-48030. The Company originally proposed reclamation for the fall of 1985, because, the BLM had issued Utah Railway Company a temporary use of the road until March of 1985. Due to a series of misunderstandings and confusion concerning the final resolution and outcome of the assessment of this CO, the Division fell delinquent in preparing a prompt response to this reclamation proposal. Division review comments were generated in April of 1985 and the operator was contacted prior to submission of the same to the Company. It was then discovered that the Company had already reclaimed the road during the fall of 1984.

On May 9, 1985, Lynn Kunzler of the Division met with Mr. Grimes and visited the above-referenced site. The purpose of the visit was to examine the reclamation activities which had been performed and determine if any supplemental stabilization measures were necessary until reclamation success could be determined adequate.

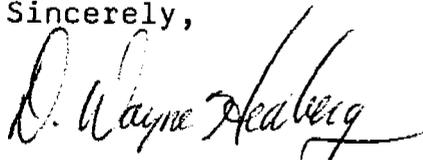
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The following is a paraphrase of the Memo to Coal File prepared by Mr. Kunzler on the results of his field visit:

The road had been recontoured to what appeared to be approximate original contour and had been hydroseeded and hydromulched. It was apparent that several species were emerging, although it was too early for exact identification. There were a few small areas that were bare and which may need to be reseeded this fall. Large boulders and snags had been scattered over a major portion of the site. The site appeared to be stable with no significant signs of erosion (even on the steeper slopes). An examination of the Division files failed to uncover an approval letter from the Division for the reclamation activity. However, a BLM approval letter dated October 19, 1984 addressed to Dianne R. Nielson stated that the work would be done immediately by the Company and that BLM would monitor the project. This letter was not reviewed by the Division technical staff and subsequently, no formal approval or objection to the operator proceeding with reclamation pursuant to the BLM's approval was prepared.

The Division's review comments are subsequently moot as the reclamation of the road has occurred. This letter will serve as a formal approval and sign-off by the Division for the reclamation of the exploration road in question. Should comments or questions arise, please feel free to contact myself or Lynn Kunzler of the technical staff.

Sincerely,



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