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CERTIFIED RETURN RECEIPT REQUESTED
P 592 431 282

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

Dear Mr. Grimes:

RE: Proposed Assessment for State Violation No. N85-6-5-1,
ACT/007/006, Folder #8, Carbon County, Utah

The undersigned has been appointed by the Board of Oil, Gas and Mining as the Assessment Officer for assessing penalties under UMC/SMC 845.11-845.17.

Enclosed is the proposed civil penalty assessment for the above referenced violation. This violation was issued by Division Inspector Barton Kale on April 29, 1985. Rule UMC/SMC 845.2 et seq. has been utilized to formulate the proposed penalty. By these rules, any written information, which was submitted by you or your agent within 15 days of receipt of this notice of violation, has been considered in determining the facts surrounding the violation and the amount of penalty.

Within fifteen (15) days after receipt of this proposed assessment, you or your agent may file a written request for an assessment conference to review the proposed penalty. (Address a request for a conference to Ms. Jan Brown, at the above address.) If no timely request is made, all pertinent data will be reviewed and the penalty will be reassessed, if necessary, for a finalized assessment. Facts will be considered for the final assessment which were not available on the date of the proposed assessment, due to the length of the abatement period. This assessment does not constitute a request for payment.

Sincerely,

Mike Earl
Assessment Officer

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Enclosure

cc: D. Griffin, OSM Albuquerque Field Office
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WORKSHEET FOR ASSESSMENT OF PENALTIES
 UTAH DIVISION OF OIL, GAS AND MINING

COMPANY/MINE Plateau/Starpoint NOV # N85-6-5-1

PERMIT # ACT/007/006 VIOLATION 1 OF 1

I. HISTORY MAX 25 PTS

A. Are there previous violations which are not pending or vacated, which fall within 1 year of today's date?

ASSESSMENT DATE 5-22-85 EFFECTIVE ONE YEAR DATE 5-23-84

PREVIOUS VIOLATIONS	EFF.DATE	PTS	PREVIOUS VIOLATIONS	EFF.DATE	PTS
<u>N84-4-1-1</u>	<u>6-30-84</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>N84-6-15-1 PA</u>	<u>5-15-85</u>	<u>0</u>
<u>N84-4-7-6</u>	<u>11-19-84</u>	<u>6</u>			
<u>N84-4-11-1 FA</u>	<u>5-10-85</u>	<u>0</u>			
<u>N83-4-14-1</u>	<u>12-23-84</u>	<u>1</u>			
<u>C83-4-3-1</u>	<u>4-17-85</u>	<u>5</u>			

1 point for each past violation, up to one year
 5 points for each past violation in a CO, up to one year
 No pending notices shall be counted

TOTAL HISTORY POINTS 13

II. SERIOUSNESS (either A or B)

NOTE: For assignment of points in Parts II and III, the following applies. Based on the facts supplied by the inspector, the Assessment Officer will determine within which category the violation falls. Beginning at the mid-point of the category, the AO will adjust the points up or down, utilizing the inspector's and operator's statements as guiding documents.

Is this an Event (A) or Hindrance (B) violation? Event

A. Event Violations MAX 45 PTS

- What is the event which the violated standard was designed to prevent? Environmental harm
- What is the probability of the occurrence of the event which a violated standard was designed to prevent?

PROBABILITY	RANGE	MID-POINT
None	0	
Insignificant	1-4	2
Unlikely	5-9	7
Likely	10-14	12
Occurred	15-20	17

ASSIGN PROBABILITY OF OCCURRENCE POINTS 6

PROVIDE AN EXPLANATION OF POINTS The probability of occurrence was rated as unlikely based on inspectors statement and statements provided by the operator, that even though trash was placed outside storage area it was protected by a silt fence. Trash bins could contain contaminants and need to be controlled.

3. Would or did the damage or impact remain within the exploration or permit area? No

	RANGE	MID-POINT
Within Exp/Permit Area	0-7*	4
Outside Exp/Permit Area	8-25*	16

*In assigning points, consider the duration and extent of said damage or impact, in terms of area and impact on the public or environment.

ASSIGN DAMAGE POINTS 2

PROVIDE AN EXPLANATION OF POINTS On a later inspection, the inspector did confirm that a silt fence did exist although its condition at the time of original inspection was unknown.

B. Hindrance Violations MAX 25 PTS

1. Is this a potential or actual hindrance to enforcement? _____

	RANGE	MID-POINT
Potential hindrance	1-12	7
Actual hindrance	13-25	19

Assign points based on the extent to which enforcement is hindered by the violation.

ASSIGN HINDRANCE POINTS _____

PROVIDE AN EXPLANATION OF POINTS _____

TOTAL SERIOUSNESS POINTS (A or B) 8

III. NEGLIGENCE MAX 30 PTS

A. Was this an inadvertent violation which was unavoidable by the exercise of reasonable care? IF SO - NO NEGLIGENCE;
 OR Was this a failure of a permittee to prevent the occurrence of a violation due to indifference, lack of diligence, or lack of reasonable care, or the failure to abate any violation due to the same? IF SO - NEGLIGENCE;
 OR Was this violation the result of reckless, knowing, or intentional conduct? IF SO - GREATER DEGREE OF FAULT THAN NEGLIGENCE.

	RANGE	MID-POINT
No Negligence	0	
Negligence	1-15	8
Greater Degree of Fault	16-30	23

STATE DEGREE OF NEGLIGENCE Negligence
 ASSIGN NEGLIGENCE POINTS 6

PROVIDE AN EXPLANATION OF POINTS Although the area is protected by a silt fence such items as oil cans and drums which could contaminate the drainage need to be controlled.

