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Mr. Ben Grimes
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Dear Ben:

RE: MRP Permit Amendment, Thickner Underflow Treatment Ponds,
Plateau Mining Company, Star Point Mine, ACT/007/006, #3,
Carbon County, Utah

The Division has completed its review of Plateau's February 4, 1985 submission which addressed deficiencies identified in the Division's October 15, 1984 letter. That letter identified six areas of concern which were to be addressed prior to our final approval and sign-off for the thickner underflow treatment ponds.

Plateau Mining Company has adequately addressed the majority of the concerns as previously outlined in the October 15 letter. The remaining items to be addressed are as follows:

Item #2

The Division's position in response to the Company's plans to leave the ponds clay lining, concrete bottoms and ramps in place (to aid in water retention upon abandonment), is that sediment buildup will not sufficiently cover the cement ramp for vegetation establishment above the outflow elevation. The Company must consequently remove and properly dispose of the cement ramp down to an elevation of at least one foot below the crest of spillway overflow. The Division awaits Plateau Mining Company's response with reference to the design parameters for the permanent abandonment of the treatment ponds. It is our understanding that this is currently being addressed by Plateau Mining Company's hydrologist.

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Item #6

Plateau Mining Company failed to provide a response or acknowledgement in the February 4 response to item #6 (bonding) as identified in the Division's October 15 letter. Consequently, the Company is reminded to include reclamation cost adjustments for this disturbance in the annual update of the performance bond for the Star Point Mine complex.

Thank you for your efforts and cooperation in resolving these remaining concerns. If possible, please provide a response to this letter by April 15, 1985. Please call me should you have any questions.

Sincerely,



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