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CERTIFIED RETURN RECEIPT REQUESTED
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Mr. Ben Grimes
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Dear Mr. Grimes:

Re: Modifications to Sediment Ponds No. 4, 5 and 6, Star Point Mine, Plateau Mining Company, ACT/007/006, Folder No. 3, 4 and 9, Carbon County, Utah

The Division's technical staff has reviewed your status report (January 11 and January 14, 1985 letters) regarding the previously approved modification work to sediment ponds No. 4, 5 and 6 (October 11, 1984). You indicated that the modification work had been started late in the season, because work could not start until after the October 11, 1984 approval date, and that Plateau Mining Company was also cleaning up the damage done by a large storm which occurred on August 19, 1984. The Division agrees that it was more important to clean and enlarge the ponds and complete repair work on the culverts and ditches, to ensure the integrity and function of the runoff control structures, than to worry about the small leaks occurring from the decants.

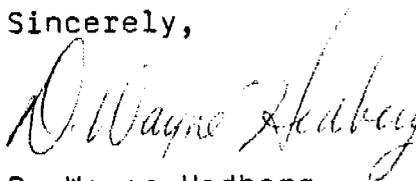
While the Division is aware of the difficulties posed by the inclement weather, it is of utmost importance that the ponds be in a functional condition, now that the damage from the August storm has been, in large part, cleaned up. As you have indicated in your January 11, 1984 letter, leakage from the decant pipes is the major cause for concern. Since the ponds were cleaned or enlarged last fall, the Division does not see any immediate problems from delaying completion of construction on the decant pipes from the pond.

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Realizing the need to have the ponds in operation condition as soon as possible next summer, the Division requires that Plateau Mining Company complete repairs to the decants for ponds No. 4, 5 and 6 by June 28, 1985. If there are any problems meeting this deadline, Plateau Mining Company must notify the Division in writing prior to this date, explaining the reason for the delay and the expected extension date needed.

Thank you for your cooperation in resolving these concerns. Please call me or Tom Suchoski should questions arise.

Sincerely,



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