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Mr. Ben Grimes
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Dear Mr. Grimes:

Re: Approval to use thickner underflow treatment ponds, Plateau Mining Company, Starpoint Mine, ACT/007/006, Folder No. 4, Carbon County, Utah

This letter is a follow-up to telephone conversations of 28 and 29 November, 1984. As you indicated on November 28, Plateau Mining Company has had difficulty in operating the temporary sediment ponds for the thickner process at the preparation plant because of cold weather and limited size. As a result of this, Plateau Mining Company requested permission to use the previously approved (10-5-84) thickner ponds prior to the final completion of the project.

It is the Division's understanding that while all construction associated with the ponds per se has been completed, the remaining work will not or does not affect the usability of the ponds. Mr. Barton Kale, Inspector for the Division, was asked to conduct an onsite inspection of the ponds and report on the utility and usability of the ponds. On November 29, 1984 Mr. Kale reported to Mr. Suchoski of the Division that it was his opinion that the ponds were useable, the clay liner was in place and that the capacity of the pond would not be affected by the small amount of work still needing to be done. Therefore, Mr. Suchoski granted verbal approval to Mr. Ben Grimes to allow use of the facilities and informed Mr. Grimes that he would follow it up with an approval letter.

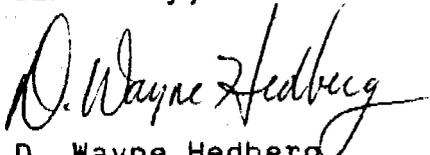
Based on the above information the Division hereby transmits its formal approval for use of the thickner underflow treatment at the Starpoint Mine Complex. The Division requests notification from Plateau Mining Company when all work on the thickner ponds has been completed.

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As a follow up on questions asked in the previous October 15, 1984 approval letter for the overall thickner ponds proposal, the Division has not received the requested information from the operator on the proposed post-mining land use of the ponds (i.e., as wildlife watering impoundments). If Plateau Mining Company still intends to use these watering impoundments in the post-mining land use, then the information requested in the October 15 letter must be submitted by January 28, 1985, to the Division.

Should you have any questions please call at your convenience..

Sincerely,



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