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FILE COPYMr. Ben Grimes
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Dear Mr. Grimes:

RE: Vegetation Monitoring Data, Starpoint Mine, ACT/007/006, Folder #13

Kent Crofts and I met today to discuss issues related to 1986 vegetation sampling including my letter to you (June 3, 1986) and Kent's memo to you (May 23, 1986). We agreed to the following:

1. Annual productivity sampling should be discontinued on both reclaimed and test plot sample sites. Future productivity sampling will conform to the monitoring schedule outlined in PMC's reclamation monitoring plan.
2. Test plots should be sampled until sample adequacy is statistically demonstrated rather than sampling an arbitrary nine transects per subplot or 27 transects per plot.
3. The original purpose and utility of dividing the refuse test plots into upper, middle and lower slope subplots is unclear. As part of the permit renewal process, Dan Duce (soils) and I will review Division records on the plots and make a site visit. A decision on whether or not subplot sampling should be continued or modified will be based on this review. Therefore, Plateau Mining Company may dispense with slope subplot sampling in 1986.

We appreciate your interest in vegetation monitoring which provides valuable data for revegetation planning but can certainly understand your hesitancy to continue with portions of a program that may be of questionable value. If you have any questions or additional concerns, please call. Dan and I hope to arrange a visit to Plateau early in July while your annual vegetation monitoring is in progress.

Sincerely,

Kathryn M. Mutz
Reclamation Biologist

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