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Mr. Ben Grimes  
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Dear Mr. Grimes:

RE: Response to January 17, 1986 Inquiry Regarding Remanded  
and Suspended Regulations, Star Point Mines, ACT/007/006,  
#2, Carbon County, Utah

In response to your January 17, 1986 inquiry, please find listed below the status of those rules which you had questions on.

UMC 783.14(1), UMC 783.17, UMC 783.24(i), UMC 805.13 and  
UMC 817.52 - these rules are presently incorrectly marked in the 1982 version of the regulations. They are not suspended and fully in force presently.

UMC 783.20, UMC 782.21, UMC 783.25(c) and UMC 817.46(b),  
(c), (d) and (h) - all or a portion of these rules were disapproved by the Office of Surface Mining (OSM). Please refer to 30 CFR 944.12 for a complete description on each regulation.

For purposes of Plateau's permit renewal effort, it is advised that you refer to the regulation in question as it currently appears in 30 CFR. The Division has recently received a directive from OSM to promulgate new rules for those that were disapproved to the end that Utah's rules are no less effective than OSM's. While the effective date of new rules for the Utah Program cannot be accurately predicted, any approved permits which do not comply with the new rules would be required to be revised pursuant to UMC 788.12(d)(6).

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UMC 817.42 - the water quality standards and effluent limitations in this regulation were changed effective August 29, 1984. The new regulations require compliance with all applicable state and federal water quality laws and regulations and the effluent limits for coal mining promulgated by the U. S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) in 40 CFR Part 434.

UMC 817.54 - This entire regulation was repealed effective December 16, 1985. It is, therefore, no longer in effect.

It is my hope that this will provide you with clarification on these regulations. Enclosed is a packet of language for rules which have changed since the 1982 version of the UMC rules were printed. If I can be of any further assistance, please feel free to contact me.

Sincerely,



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