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**Re: Exploration Permit 86-1 Amendment**

Dear Mr. Braxton:

We would like to ask for an amendment to Exploration Permit 86-1 to add three potential drill site.

One or two sites will be drilled; site 87-18-4 is the preferred location with 87-18-5 as a possible second location if data from 87-18-4 indicates a need for a second hole. Site 87-18-4 is situated such that surface access would create extensive environmental damage; therefore this hole would be drilled using a portable rig which would be helicoptered to the site. If site 87-18-4 cannot be used, site 87-18-6 will be the preferred location with 87-18-5 as a possible second location.

All three sites are located on private property as shown on Maps 1 and 2 enclosed. Approval to drill at these locations from the property owner is as discussed in the original permit application dated May 22, 1986.

The access road from the existing road running southerly to site 87-18-5 will be along a fire break trail which was cleared at the time of a small forest fire in approximately 1977. If site 87-18-6 is used, a short road from site 87-18-5 location will be constructed.

Minimal disturbance will be required for these sites. An area approximately 60 feet by 100 feet will be needed at sites 87-18-5 and 87-18-6. Site 87-18-4 will require an area approximately 15 feet by 30 feet for a small portable rig. Site preparation and reclamation at this site will be by hand.

Site construction will be as discussed in the original application.

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No drainages will be crossed to access the sites, therefore no culverts will be required. Hydrologic controls will be as discussed in the original permit application referenced previously.

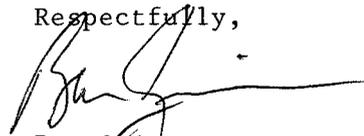
The area of exploration was investigated for cultural sites during a study by Abajo Archeology titled Cultural Resource Inventory of Cyprus-Plateau Mining Company Gentry Mountain Coal Properties, Emery and Carbon Counties, Utah, July 1987. This study was conducted in conjunction with the New Lands Permit Application, a copy can be found in the Division's offices. No cultural resources were found in the area of exploration.

The originally permitted drill sites have not been reclaimed. We have been assembling specialized pumping equipment to obtain water samples from the monitoring wells. This equipment has been purchased and a special winch trailer has been constructed to facilitate pump operation in these deep wells. Reclamation of the original three drill sites will begin at approximately the same time the drill sites in this amendment are commenced. After drilling these holes, reclamation will be conducted as outlined in the original application.

We would like to begin site preparation on September 15, with drilling to begin shortly thereafter. Drilling and reclamation should be completed by October 15.

If you need additional information, please contact me immediately.

Respectfully,



Ben Grimes  
Sr. Environmental Engineer

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