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RE: PAP STIPULATION - CHANNEL RESTORATION

Dear Mr. Braxton:

We are concerned that the information requested by the Division to address this issue may lead to a long drawn-out and very expensive endeavor. We understand from other mines that have had to address channel restoration that the process is very painful and expensive.

It is Plateau's position that requesting "full-blown" plans to reclaim the channels roughly 20-years in the future is ridiculous. Technology may improve between now and then leading to better ways to accomplish reclamation. As more mines are reclaimed during the interim, more will be learned about channel reclamation; information that could make plans formulated now inappropriate.

It is our hope that we can work out conceptual plans with the Division that can be approved in lieu of detailed plans.

We would hope the Division will help us with this issue by providing information on any channel reclamation projects approved for other mines or in the Abandoned Mine Program. If it is possible, we would like to have copies of those plans. If that is impossible, we would like to review those plans at Division offices.

Additionally, we anticipate scheduling a meeting with the Division in March to discuss this issue and to get the "Ground Rules" established for resolution.

To meet our deadline of September 1 for submission of this plan, we need the information on approved plans as soon as we can get them. Please contact me in this regard so we can plan our immediate schedule.

Respectfully,

PLATEAU MINING COMPANY

Ben Grimes
Sr. Environmental Engineer