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CERTIFIED RETURN RECEIPT REQUESTED
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Mr. Ben Grimes
Plateau Mining Company
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Price, Utah 84501

Dear Mr. Grimes:

Re: Proposed Assessment for State Violation No. N88-26-15-3, ACT/007/006, Folder #5, Carbon County, Utah

The undersigned has been appointed by the Board of Oil, Gas and Mining as the Assessment Officer for assessing penalties under UMC/SMC 845.11-845.17.

Enclosed are the proposed civil penalty assessments for the above referenced violations. These violations were issued by Division Inspector, William A. Malencik on September 27,28, and 29 1988. Rule UMC/SMC 845.2 et seq. has been utilized to formulate the proposed penalty. By these rules, any written information which was submitted by you or your agent within fifteen (15) days of receipt of this Notice of Violation has been considered in determining the facts surrounding the violation and the amount of penalty.

Within fifteen (15) days after receipt of these proposed assessments, you or your agent may file a written request for an assessment conference to review the proposed penalties. (Submit a request for conference to Vicki Bailey, at the above address).

IF A TIMELY REQUEST IS NOT MADE, THE PROPOSED PENALTY(IES) WILL BECOME FINAL, AND THE PENALTY(IES) WILL BE DUE AND PAYABLE WITHIN THIRTY (30) DAYS OF THE PROPOSED ASSESSMENT. Please remit payment to the Division, mail c/o Vicki Bailey.

Sincerely,

Joseph C. Helfrich
Assessment Officer

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WORKSHEET FOR ASSESSMENT OF PENALTIES
UTAH DIVISION OF OIL, GAS AND MINING

COMPANY/MINE Plateau Mining Company NOV # N-88-26-15-3

PERMIT # ACT/007/006 VIOLATION 1 OF 3

ASSESSMENT DATE 11/21/88 ASSESSMENT OFFICER Joseph C. Helfrich

I. HISTORY MAX 25 PTS

A. Are there previous violations which are not pending or vacated, which fall within 1 year of today's date?

ASSESSMENT DATE 11/21/88 EFFECTIVE ONE YEAR TO DATE 11/21/87

PREVIOUS VIOLATIONS	EFFECTIVE DATE	POINTS

1 point for each past violation, up to one year
5 points for each past violation in a CO, up to one year
No pending notices shall be counted

TOTAL HISTORY POINTS 0

II. SERIOUSNESS (either A or B)

NOTE: For assignment of points in Parts II and III, the following applies. Based on the facts supplied by the inspector, the Assessment Officer will determine within which category the violation falls. Beginning at the mid-point of the category, the AO will adjust the points up or down, utilizing the inspector's and operator's statements as guiding documents.

Is this an Event (A) or Hindrance (B) violation? Event

A. Event Violations MAX 45 PTS

1. What is the event which the violated standard was designed to prevent? Water pollution off-site sediment loading
2. What is the probability of the occurrence of the event which a violated standard was designed to prevent?

PROBABILITY	RANGE
None	0
Insignificant	1-4
Unlikely	5-9
Likely	10-14
Occurred	20

ASSIGN PROBABILITY OF OCCURRENCE POINTS 12

PROVIDE AN EXPLANATION OF POINTS
Runoff leading to disturbed area would not pass through a sediment pond.

3. What is the extent of actual or potential damage?

	RANGE
Potential or Actual Damage	0-25*

*In assigning points, consider the duration and extent of said damage or impact, in terms of area and impact on the public or environment.

ASSIGN DAMAGE POINTS 0

PROVIDE AN EXPLANATION OF POINTS

No damage occurred at the time of the inspection.

B. Hindrance Violations MAX 25 PTS

1. Is this a potential or actual hindrance to enforcement?_____

	RANGE
Potential hindrance	1-12
Actual hindrance	13-25

Assign points based on the extent to which enforcement is hindered by the violation.

ASSIGN HINDRANCE POINTS_____

PROVIDE AN EXPLANATION OF POINTS _____

TOTAL SERIOUSNESS POINTS (A OR B) 12

III. NEGLIGENCE MAX 30 PTS

A. Was this an inadvertent violation which was unavoidable by the exercise of reasonable care? IF SO - NO NEGLIGENCE;
OR Was this a failure of a permittee to prevent the occurrence of a violation due to indifference, lack of diligence, or lack of reasonable care, or the failure to abate any violation due to the same? IF SO - NEGLIGENCE;
OR Was this violation the result of reckless, knowing, or intentional conduct? IF SO - GREATER DEGREE OF FAULT THAN NEGLIGENCE.

No Negligence	0
Negligence	1-15
Greater Degree of Fault	16-30

STATE DEGREE OF NEGLIGENCE Ordinary negligence

ASSIGN NEGLIGENCE POINTS 8

PROVIDE AN EXPLANATION OF POINTS
Lack of diligence with respect to maintenance of sediment control structures.

IV. GOOD FAITH MAX -20 PTS. (either A or B)

A. Did the operator have onsite the resources necessary to achieve compliance of the violated standard within the permit area? IF SO - EASY ABATEMENT

Easy Abatement Situation

Immediate Compliance -11 to -20*
(Immediately following the issuance of the NOV)

Rapid Compliance -1 to -10*
(Permittee used diligence to abate the violation)

Normal Compliance 0
(Operator complied within the abatement period required)

*Assign in upper or lower half of range depending on abatement occuring in 1st or 2nd half of abatement period.

B. Did the permittee not have the resources at hand to achieve compliance OR does the situation require the submission of plans prior to physical activity to achieve compliance? IF SO - DIFFICULT ABATEMENT SITUATION

Difficult Abatement Situation

Rapid Compliance -11 to -20*
(Permittee used diligence to abate the violation)

Normal Compliance -1 to -10*
(Operator complied within the abatement period required)

Extended Compliance 0
(Permittee took minimal actions for abatement to stay within the limits of the NOV or the violated standard, or the plan submitted for abatement was incomplete)

EASY OR DIFFICULT ABATEMENT? Difficult ASSIGN GOOD FAITH POINTS 0

PROVIDE AN EXPLANATION OF POINTS

To be evaluated upon termination of the violation.

V. ASSESSMENT SUMMARY FOR N-88-26-15-3 #1 of 3

I.	TOTAL HISTORY POINTS	-
II.	TOTAL SERIOUSNESS POINTS	12
III.	TOTAL NEGLIGENCE POINTS	8
IV.	TOTAL GOOD FAITH POINTS	-
	TOTAL ASSESSED POINTS	20
	TOTAL ASSESSED FINE	$ 200.00

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WORKSHEET FOR ASSESSMENT OF PENALTIES
UTAH DIVISION OF OIL, GAS AND MINING

COMPANY/MINE Plateau Mining Company NOV # N-88-26-15-3

PERMIT # ACT/007/006 VIOLATION 3 OF 3

ASSESSMENT DATE 11/21/88 ASSESSMENT OFFICER Joseph C. Helfrich

I. HISTORY MAX 25 PTS

A. Are there previous violations which are not pending or vacated, which fall within 1 year of today's date?

ASSESSMENT DATE 11/21/88 EFFECTIVE ONE YEAR TO DATE 11/21/87

PREVIOUS VIOLATIONS	EFFECTIVE DATE	POINTS

1 point for each past violation, up to one year
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No pending notices shall be counted

TOTAL HISTORY POINTS -

II. SERIOUSNESS (either A or B)

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Is this an Event (A) or Hindrance (B) violation? Event

A. Event Violations MAX 45 PTS

1. What is the event which the violated standard was designed to prevent? Erosion
2. What is the probability of the occurrence of the event which a violated standard was designed to prevent?

PROBABILITY	RANGE
None	0
Insignificant	1-4
Unlikely	5-9
Likely	10-14
Occurred	20

ASSIGN PROBABILITY OF OCCURRENCE POINTS 20

PROVIDE AN EXPLANATION OF POINTS
Erosion evident above sediment ponds 4, 5, and 6.

3. What is the extent of actual or potential damage?

	RANGE
Potential or Actual Damage	0-25*

*In assigning points, consider the duration and extent of said damage or impact, in terms of area and impact on the public or environment.

ASSIGN DAMAGE POINTS 8

PROVIDE AN EXPLANATION OF POINTS

Extent and duration minimal. Area subject to erosion from recent rainstorms.

B. Hindrance Violations MAX 25 PTS

1. Is this a potential or actual hindrance to enforcement?_____

	RANGE
Potential hindrance	1-12
Actual hindrance	13-25

Assign points based on the extent to which enforcement is hindered by the violation.

ASSIGN HINDRANCE POINTS_____

PROVIDE AN EXPLANATION OF POINTS _____

TOTAL SERIOUSNESS POINTS (A OR B) 28

III. NEGLIGENCE MAX 30 PTS

A. Was this an inadvertent violation which was unavoidable by the exercise of reasonable care? IF SO - NO NEGLIGENCE;
OR Was this a failure of a permittee to prevent the occurrence of a violation due to indifference, lack of diligence, or lack of reasonable care, or the failure to abate any violation due to the same? IF SO - NEGLIGENCE;
OR Was this violation the result of reckless, knowing, or intentional conduct? IF SO - GREATER DEGREE OF FAULT THAN NEGLIGENCE.

No Negligence	0
Negligence	1-15
Greater Degree of Fault	16-30

STATE DEGREE OF NEGLIGENCE Ordinary negligence

ASSIGN NEGLIGENCE POINTS 8

PROVIDE AN EXPLANATION OF POINTS
Lack of reasonable care with respect to minimizing erosion.

IV. GOOD FAITH MAX -20 PTS. (either A or B)

A. Did the operator have onsite the resources necessary to achieve compliance of the violated standard within the permit area? IF SO - EASY ABATEMENT

Easy Abatement Situation

Immediate Compliance -11 to -20*
(Immediately following the issuance of the NOV)
Rapid Compliance -1 to -10*
(Permittee used diligence to abate the violation)
Normal Compliance 0
(Operator complied within the abatement period required)

*Assign in upper or lower half of range depending on abatement occuring in 1st or 2nd half of abatement period.

B. Did the permittee not have the resources at hand to achieve compliance OR does the situation require the submission of plans prior to physical activity to achieve compliance? IF SO - DIFFICULT ABATEMENT SITUATION

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Extended Compliance 0
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EASY OR DIFFICULT ABATEMENT? Easy ASSIGN GOOD FAITH POINTS 0

PROVIDE AN EXPLANATION OF POINTS

Compliance with remedial action must be completed prior to the required abatement period to qualify for good faith points.

V. ASSESSMENT SUMMARY FOR N-88-26-15-3 #3 of 3

I.	TOTAL HISTORY POINTS	-
II.	TOTAL SERIOUSNESS POINTS	28
III.	TOTAL NEGLIGENCE POINTS	8
IV.	TOTAL GOOD FAITH POINTS	-
	TOTAL ASSESSED POINTS	36
	TOTAL ASSESSED FINE	$ 520.00