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Attn: John Whitehead

Dear Dianne:

The Division has reviewed Cyprus-Plateau Mining Corporation's updated plans for their approved five-year Mining Reclamation Plan at the Star Point Mines. The following is offered for your consideration.

Page 784-145 a1, Paragraph 2 - Mine water discharge is acceptable as mitigation for potential loss of water in Miller Creek. However, such would not be acceptable for loss of seeps or springs. Note, a significant impact on wildlife is perceived when 50% of average daily flow at a seep or spring is lost due to subsidence. The dispersion of wildlife is regulated by dispersion of water; guzzlers or some other acceptable method of mitigation must replace lost water at site specific locations.

Thank you for an opportunity to review and provide comment.

Sincerely,

*William H. Geer*  
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Director