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TO: Richard V. Smith, Permit Supervisor

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RE: Review of Proposed Amendment for Exploration Pits,
Cyprus-Plateau Mining Company, Starpoint Mine,
ACT/007/006-89G, Folder #2, Carbon County, Utah

Synopsis of Proposal

On June 12, 1989, Cyprus-Plateau Mining Company (CPMC) submitted a proposal to dig exploration pits within lease U-13097 to study fault displacement on the west side of the Bear Canyon Graben and east side of the Pleasant Valley Graben.

In response to the Division's request for a description of pit reclamation, CPMC submitted a reclamation plan on July 27, 1989.

Analysis

The CPMC submittal of July 27 states that topsoil will be removed and stored by the side of each pit for later replacement. Following backfilling and topsoil redistribution, the seed bed will be left in a rough condition. Seeding will be done during the first opportunity for favorable planting conditions. Seed will be hand-broadcast and raked into the soil. No mulch or fertilizer is believed to be needed. The seed mix, provided on Table 1, is based on U.S. Forest Service research station recommendations.

Recommendations

CPMC has adequately addressed my concerns, identified in a memo to Richard V. Smith, dated July 17, 1989.

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