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Dear Mr. Braxton

RE: APPLICATION FOR PERMIT CHANGE - INCIDENTAL BOUNDARY CHANGE

Cyprus Plateau Mining Corporation is submitting this application for an Incidental Boundary Change to add a small area to its permit. The area is comprised of 50 acres of U.S. Forest Service ground adjacent to Federal Coal Lease U-13097.

Regulation R614-303-220 allows for permit changes. R614-303-222 allows for incidental boundary changes as permit amendments if the area meets the following criteria:

1- The incidental boundary change area is less than 15% of the disturbed area under the current permit (R614-303-224.100).
2- The incidental boundary change area is in the same cumulative impact area as defined in the Cumulative Hydrologic Impact Assessment area (R614-303-224.200).
3- The incidental boundary change area is in the same hydrologic basin authorized by the current permit (R614-303-224.300).

In all three cases, the proposed incidental boundary change area meets the test:

The area (8.36 acres) is 4.83% of our total disturbed acreage of 173.2 acres.

A previous incidental boundary change was obtained in 1987 consisting of 7.23 acres. Adding the acreage of this request to the previously approved area results in 15.59 acres, which is only 9.0% of 173.2 acres.

The area is in the same Cumulative Hydrologic Impact Assessment area.

The proposed area is contiguous to Federal Coal Lease U-13097, and only extends 660 feet west from the current permit boundary.

The area lies within the hydrologic basin authorized by the current permit.

The area of this request will consist of underground mining only, there will be no surface disturbance. The area is requested to allow mining to extend to an existing fault. The fault was previously thought to be located some 300 feet east of where we now believe it to be. The Bureau of Land Management wants us to mine the coal to maximize recovery of the resource. There will be no other opportunity for Plateau or any other mine to recover the coal once we are past the area.

Timing of mining is critical; development mining is proceeding west toward the area now. By the end of April this year, we will be in a position to mine the coal west of the existing permit boundary at the north end of the area requested.

The currently approved mine plan allows mining to within 50 feet of the fault. This request will only extend mining westward by a short distance. The same restriction of leaving a fault barrier will be adhered to. The requested area is insignificant in the overall picture.

Three copies of the following maps are enclosed showing the area sought in this application:

Map 2 - Surface Ownership
Map 3 - Coal Ownership
Map 6 - Mine Plan - Wattis Seam
Map 71 - Permit Area

All other resources required to be shown are currently included on approved maps in our MRP. The only change required on other maps will be a change to the permit boundary. Rather than change all of the other maps at this time, we would request that all maps be

changed during the permitting process we are now engaged in. As you know, we are adding a new federal coal lease immediately north of Federal Coal Lease U-13097, and seeking a five year renewal. This effort is underway now, with submittal to be no later than October 1, 1991.

Three copies of MRP page 782-16a are enclosed, with revisions listing right-of-entry information. No other MRP text changes are necessary. The hydrologic monitoring plan covers this area as it is very small.

Please review this application and let me know how I can help.

Respectfully,

Ben Grimes
Sr. Environmental Engineer

Enclosures
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