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File ACT/007/006 #2

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RE: Incidental Boundary Change - Safety Concerns, UTU-64263, Cyprus-Plateau Mining Company, Star Point Mine, ACT/007/006, Folder #2, Carbon County, Utah

Dear Lowell:

We reviewed the subject incidental boundary change and have found that the submittal does not contain information in sufficient detail to complete an analysis.

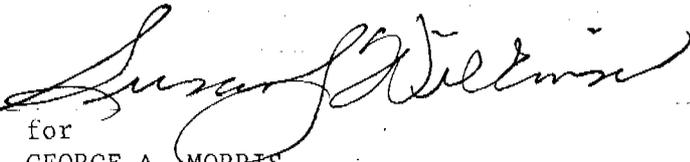
Specific comments are as follows:

1. Map 116.100c shows the location of the mains and the portals in only a generalized manner. It does not show the number of entries or the number of portals proposed. The location of the proposed portals is not clear.
2. The text of the letter states that the main entry system will have five entries and that there will be 3 portals. In addition, it states that a fan is planned but might not be necessary. This is not sufficient detail for us to start an analysis.
3. There is no information to confirm or deny that water discharge will be necessary during operations or after the mine is closed and abandoned. Sufficient geologic information is required to show in mine drainage and where mine water would have a tendency to discharge after reclamation and abandonment of workings.
4. During the May 18 field review of the area, the operator was not able to show us the location of the proposed portals. In addition, the operator stated that they would not be able to locate the portals until their 1992 drilling project is completed later this summer.
5. On May 20, 1992 we received another proposal for the Gentry Mountain Air Shaft. The proposed breakout portals and the air shaft seem to serve the same purpose. Surface disturbance must be limited to the minimum needed to support permitted operations. An explanation is needed to describe why both facilities are needed.

Before we can conduct an analysis and prepare the corresponding NEPA documentation, we need to know the location of the portals with detailed information on the area to be disturbed. Cross-sections and details plans of the proposed disturbed area and fan are needed. Information on the level of air emissions and noise will also be needed. The limit of surface disturbance will need to be staked on the ground for review by a Forest Service Interdisciplinary Team.

If you have any questions, please contact us at the Forest Supervisor's Office in Price, Utah.

Sincerely,



for
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