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Dear Mr. 2 ~:

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

Enclosed please find information relative to the proposed incidental boundary change for the Star Point Mine. This incidental boundary change is being proposed to provide an escapeway for workers currently working in longwall panels in lease U-13097. Mining operations on the far side of the graben crossing have created a dilemma for workers in this area because the graben crossing is currently the only escape route in the event of a mine disaster. Unfortunately, there is no feasible way of opening to the surface in federal lease U-13097.

Cyprus-Plateau Mining Corporation is proposing to drive main entries northward into federal lease UTU-64263 where there is an outcrop and breakout at that point. This federal lease, known as the Castle Valley Ridge Lease Tract, has received a mining plan approval for incidental mining only. The September 1991 incidental boundary change was necessitated in the longwall panel in lease number U-13097 due to the determination of the extent of the coal in that panel which crossed over incidentally into Lease UTU-64263. The incidental boundary change that is the subject of this letter will continue the requirement of the federal mining plan approval for incidental mining only.

The regulations that allow for a permit change (R645-303-220), specifically R645-303-222, allows for an incidental boundary change as a permit amendment. This proposal meets that criteria for an incidental boundary change, because: 1) the proposed incidental boundary change area is less than 15% of the subsurface disturbed area (61 acres/3251 acres or 1.8% of the total subsurface disturbed area), 2) this proposed incidental boundary change is in the same cumulative impact area as defined in the Cumulative Hydrologic Impact Assessment Area (see Figure 2 of the CHIA) and 3) this proposed incidental

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boundary change is in the same hydrologic basin authorized by the current permit (see Figure 5 of the CHIA).

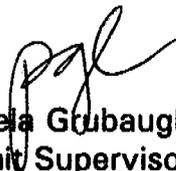
Five entries are planned for the IBC area. At the west end of the entries, a breakout area is planned at the outcrop for personnel escape and ventilation. A fan is planned at this time, but there is a possibility that it may not be required depending upon the outcome of ventilation studies now being conducted by Cyprus-Plateau Mining Corporation.

The proposed incidental boundary change is within the boundaries of Federal Lease UTU-64263 which was evaluated by an Environmental Assessment during the Lease by Application process. No surface disturbances, however, were evaluated at that time and the Forest Service will need to provide an environmental assessment of the proposed disturbances.

Enclosed please find the letter of request for application for an incidental boundary change, Figures 2, 4, and 5 from the CHIA document and Map 116.100c, Mining Plan for the Wattis Seam.

The Division respectfully requests that you review this information as quickly as possible and provide any comments to the Division regarding this permitting action by May 29, 1992. If you have any questions regarding this permit amendment, please call me.

Sincerely,



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