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ACT/007/006 #3  
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Re: Incidental Boundary Change, Lease UTU-64263, Cyprus Plateau Mining Corporation, Starpoint Mine, ACT/007/006

Dear Ms. Grubaugh-Littig:

The Bureau of Land Management (BLM) has received a copy of the subject change to the Starpoint Mining and Reclamation Plan and has been asked for our recommendations on the mining plan for this proposed action.

Cyprus Plateau has submitted an incidental boundary change to add a portion of Federal coal lease UTU-64263 to the mining permit area. This will allow uninterrupted development of the reserves in the Wattis seam while the full permit for the lease is processed. The subject change is for an area adjacent to existing mine workings and will allow the sequential development of longwall mining panels to proceed north into the lease.

In a letter dated September 19, 1991, sent to the Office of Surface Mining (OSM) in Denver, the BLM recommended approval of the resource recovery and protection plan (R2P2) for lease UTU-64263. The proposed incidental boundary change is located on this lease. The actual mining layout has not changed. Therefore, our recommendations for approval contained in the September 19th letter still apply to the subject incidental boundary change. A copy of the letter to OSM is enclosed.

If you have any questions or need further information, please contact Stephen Falk at 637-4584.

Sincerely,

*William C. Thurgis*  
District Manager

Enclosure

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Copy of Letter to OSM dated 09/19/91 (2pp)

- cc: AM, Price, (UT-066) (w/encl.)
- SD, Utah, (UT-921) (w/encl.)
- Office of Surface Mining, Denver (w/encl.)
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Re: Resource Recovery and Protection Plan (R2P2) for Federal Coal  
Lease U-64263

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The Bureau of Land Management (BLM) has reviewed the R2P2 submitted by Cyprus Plateau Mining Company (PMC) on September 9, 1991 for Federal coal lease UTU-64263. This correspondence provides our findings and recommendations regarding the R2P2.

Federal coal lease UTU-64263 was issued to Cyprus Western Coal Company on April 1, 1990 involving 1987.46 acres. During the leasing process, the area was referred to as the Castle Valley Ridge Tract. On July 10, 1991, the lease was modified by the addition of 50 acres to allow mining and prevent the bypass of Federal coal. The entire 2,037.46 acres is within the Manti-La Sal National Forest.

Underground development of coal on this lease is merely an extension of an existing operation and will not require construction of new surface facilities for access or coal processing. However, it is necessary to drive three rock slopes to the surface near the Little Park Stream to provide ventilation and escapeway portals. Development will involve longwall mining methods in one minable seam.

Deficiencies in the R2P2 were resolved directly with the company and it is now complete and technically accurate. The BLM has determined that the R2P2 is in compliance with the Mineral Leasing Act of 1920, as amended, the lease terms and conditions, and will achieve maximum economic recovery of Federal coal.

The BLM is extremely concerned that failure to approve the permit revision involving the subject lease by October 1, 1991 will result in the bypass of the Federal coal on the 50 acre modification.

If you have any questions, please contact Gary Johnson in the Price Coal Office at (801) 637-4584.

Sincerely yours,

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