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DIVISION OF
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Re: Lease Modification Addition, Lease UTU-64263, Cyprus Plateau Mining Corporation, Starpoint Mine, ACT/007/006-93A

Dear Ms. Grubaugh-Littig:

Federal coal lease UTU-64263 was modified effective March 29, 1993, to add 60 acres to the lease. In conjunction with this action, we have received from your office a copy of the subject mining plan to add this new lease acreage to the existing Starpoint Mine permit. We were asked to give our recommendations regarding approval of the resource recovery and protection plan (R2P2) associated with this lease modification addition.

The original lease boundary followed the projected Bear Canyon Fault line. Recent mining near the fault has shown an irregular fault zone and there is a potential for recoverable coal between the lease boundary and the fault zone. The lease modification will prevent the bypass of Federal coal.

The R2P2 for the lease modification addition shows extending planned longwall panels to the mining limits of the Bear Canyon Fault zone. The projected length of the panels takes into account an angle of draw sufficient to prevent subsidence to the Wild Cattle Hollow Stream.

We have determined that the R2P2 for this lease modification addition is complete and technically adequate. The plan is in compliance with the Mineral Leasing Act of 1920, as amended, the regulations at 43 CFR 3480, Federal lease terms and conditions, and will achieve maximum economic recovery of the Federal coal. Therefore, we recommend approval of the R2P2 as it relates to the inclusion of the lease modification of Federal coal lease UTU-64263 to the Starpoint Mining and Reclamation Plan.

If you have any questions, please contact Stephen Falk in our Price Coal Office at (801) 637-4584.

Sincerely,


District Manager

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