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Mr. Steven D. Jones
Mining Engineer
Cyprus Plateau Mining Corporation
P. O. Drawer PMC
Price, Utah 84501

Re: Starpoint No. 2 Mine Resource Recovery and Protection Plan (R2P2), 7th Right Bleeder Entries, Minor Modification

Dear Mr. Jones:

On February 26, 1993, the Bureau of Land Management (BLM), Price Coal Office received from Cyprus Plateau Mining Corporation (Cyprus) a request to modify the approved R2P2 for the Starpoint No. 2 Mine. The subject area is located in the Wattis seam on Federal coal lease U-13097.

The requested modification calls for: 1) driving the set-up room for the 7th Right longwall panel at crosscut 23, the same as the 6th Right longwall panel; 2) driving the 7th Right gate entries west to the extent of recoverable coal; and 3) driving three entries north from the farthest extent of the 7th Right gate entries to the extent of the rock split.

Cyprus contends that the rock split in the 6th Right gate entries dictates the location of the set-up rooms for both the 6th and 7th Right longwall panels. Also, by continuing the west and north development of 7th Right, Cyprus states that the extent of the rock split can be determined and any impacts to the reserves identified.

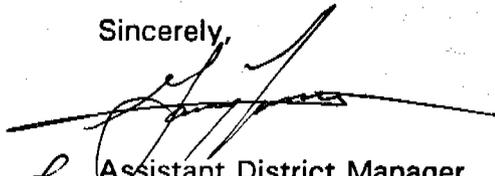
The rock split in 6th Right was previously witnessed on two inspections (11/13/92 and 11/24/92) and documented in inspection reports. Also, the 6th Right longwall set-up location was approved in a minor modification dated December 1, 1992. This sandstone rock split appears near crosscut 22 and increases to over 3 feet thick in just 200 feet of entry advance. There is less than 4 feet of coal below the split and only 2 feet of coal above the split. Since the rock split cannot be mined by the existing longwall machinery, the set-up rooms for the 7th Right longwall panel should be at crosscut 23. Driving the 7th Right development entries west and north will help determine the extent of the rock split and the impacts to the recoverable reserves.

The modification to set up the 7th Right longwall at crosscut 23 and the continued west and north development of the 7th Right entries is approved. Cyprus is authorized to develop gate entries to the limits of the rock split and/or the west fault area. The length of the next longwall panel (the 8th Right panel using 7th Right gate entries as the tailgate) will be determined by the location of the split in 7th Right. When mining development encounters the split, the BLM must be notified so that a verification inspection can be conducted. As previously stipulated for mining near the Bear Canyon Fault, Cyprus must drill ahead before mining into the west fault area.

The BLM has determined that the proposed minor modification, as stipulated, is in compliance with the Mineral Leasing Act of 1920, as amended, the regulations at 43 CFR 3480, the lease terms and stipulations, and will achieve maximum economic recovery of the Federal coal. A copy of the approved mining plan map for the area is enclosed.

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

Sincerely,



for Assistant District Manager
Mineral Resources

Enclosure:
Approved Mine Map

cc: DM, Moab (UT-065) (w/encl.)
SD, Utah (UT-921) (w/encl.)
UDOGM, Salt Lake City (w/encl.)

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MINOR MODIFICATION TO
MINING PLAN APPROVED BY
BUREAU OF LAND MANAGEMENT

Recommended By:

Stephen W. Felt 4/5/93
Mining Engineer (Date)

Approved By:

[Signature] 4/5/93
Chief, [unclear] (Date)

8th Right LW set-up
depending on rock split

U-13097 LEASE BOUNDARY

7TH RIGHT BLEEDER PROJECTIONS 2-23-93 KP

CYPRUS PLATEAU MINING CORPORATION
STAR POINT NO. 2
WATTIS SEAM

8th RIGHT

