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FROM: Bill Malencik, Reclamation Specialist *BM*

RE: Cyprus Plateau Mining Corp., Star Point Mine, ACT/007/006, Folder #2, Carbon County, Utah

I have noticed several changes that have taken place concerning environmental matters at the Star Point Mine. I just recently returned as the lead inspector and suggest you communicate my concerns to the mine manager.

In connection with my official duties, I have seen many changes, some are positive and some are otherwise. The general, cleanup of spoil storage areas, boneyards, storage areas, etc. are recent positive improvements.

On the other hand, maintenance of environmental control measures from my on the ground operations has become more fragmented and not as responsive as in the past. Several years ago when I was the lead inspector, the mine had an environmental crew that would perform the routine maintenance work before it became a compliance problem. What I see is a change in the preventative maintenance of some backbone systems. As a courtesy, I believe it is appropriate for DOGM management to communicate these concerns to the person in control.

My style of operation has been to observe control measures and detect conditions before they become violations of performance standards, or even worse failures that later manifest themselves into environmental damages. Have a deep seated feeling that I should be able to be perceptive enough, have the ability to prove my perceptions, and communicate such issues before they become compliance problems. It is in this spirit that I write this memo. I believe we cannot do alone what we can do together when it comes to mine environmental compliance.

Violation N93-26-1-1, issued March 25, 1993, in my opinion validates a perception that has evolved into a compliance issue.

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