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BUREAU OF LAND MANAGEMENT
 Moab District
 Price River Resource Area
 900 North 700 East
 Price, Utah 84501



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 Certification No. P 118 951 204

Mr. John M. Mercier
 Geologic Supervisor
 Cyprus Plateau Mining Corporation
 P. O. Drawer PMC
 Price, Utah 84501

Re: Starpoint No. 2 Mine Resource Recovery and Protection Plan (R2P2), Underground
 Exploratory Drilling, Minor Modification

Dear Mr. Mercier:

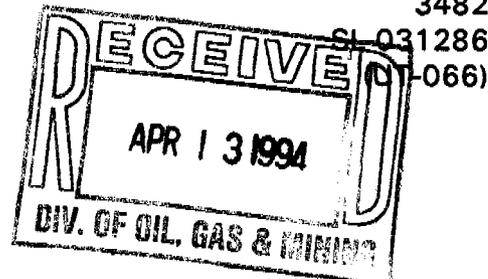
On January 27, 1994, the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) received from Cyprus Plateau Mining Corporation (Cyprus), a request to modify the approved R2P2 for the Starpoint No. 2 Mine. The subject area is located in the Wattis seam on Federal coal lease U-13097.

The requested modification calls for drilling a minimum of two underground exploratory longholes/coreholes west from the end of the 3rd West Main entries. One 400-foot horizontal core hole and one 600-foot inclined core hole are planned. The holes will be 4 inches in diameter and will be cored the length of the hole. Cyprus includes in the proposal measures to prevent water inflow into the mine workings from the fault zones encountered.

Cyprus states the holes are to locate the Pleasant Valley fault system and identify significant structural features of the fault. The inclined hole is planned to intercept the downthrown coal on the other side of the fault. Cyprus contends that the information gathered from the drilling will help identify potential coal reserves on the other side of the fault and the possibility of accessing any reserves.

The BLM agrees with the proposal, as new information concerning the coal and the fault system will help determine if areas have future potential for coal recovery. The drilling plan contains standard industry methods of plugging drill holes that would prevent water inflows into the mine. Following the proposed plan would cause no surface impacts and would not change the recovery of Federal leased coal.

The BLM has determined that the proposed minor modification 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. The



modification is approved contingent on Plateau submitting the results of the information obtained from the drilling to the BLM. If more than two holes are needed, please notify this office. A copy of the approved mining plan map for the area is enclosed.

If you have any questions, please contact Stephen Falk in this office, at (801) 637-4584.

Sincerely,

MARK E. BAILEY

Area Manager

Enclosure

Approved Mine Map

cc: **UT-065, Moab District, Branch of Mineral Resources (w/encl.)**
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FCL MODIFICATION
UTU 64263

Recommended By:

Stephen W. Fall 4/11/94
Mining Engineer (Date)

Approved By:

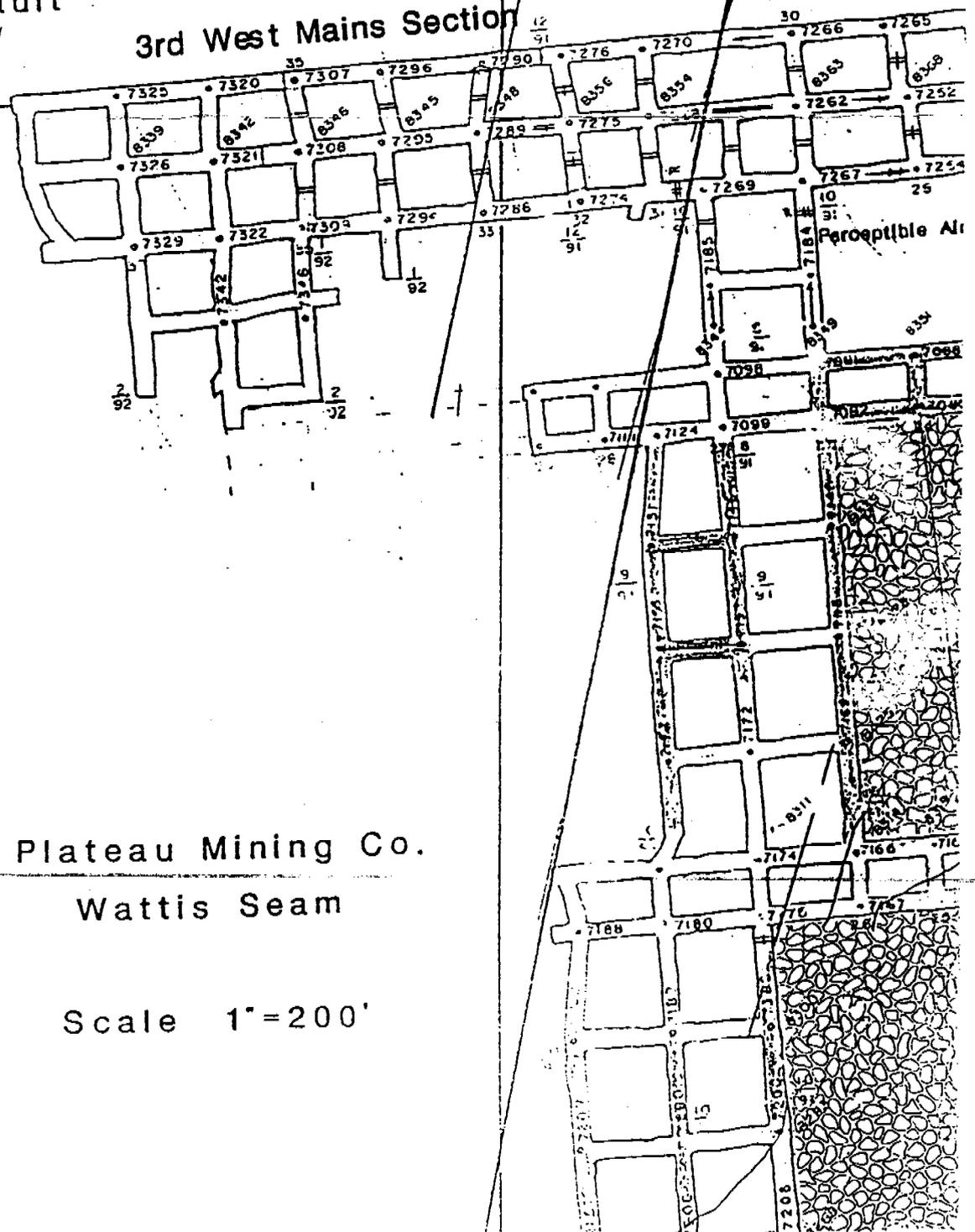
Mark E. Bailey 4-11-94
Area Manager (Date)

Fault

Drill Site

Fault

3rd West Mains Section



Plateau Mining Co.
Wattis Seam

Scale 1"=200'