

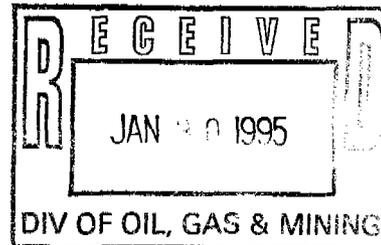
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Re: Mid-Term Review, Cyprus-Plateau Mining Corporation, Star Point Mine, ACT/007/006, Folder #8, Carbon County, Utah

Dear Mr. Haddock:

Pursuant to the aforementioned, Cyprus-Plateau Mining Corporation (CPMC) is requesting an extension to the March 8, 1995, deadline. There are several reasons we are requesting this extension.

As of January 1, 1995, Ben Grimes has been promoted to the position of Senior Project Engineer. His responsibilities are fully associated with the Willow Creek Mine project. We have recently hired a replacement for Ben. Johnny Pappas is our new Senior Environmental Engineer. His responsibilities will primarily be associated with the Star Point Mine's environmental concerns. This is one of the reasons we are requesting the extension.

In addition, to properly address the reclaimability and acid-and toxic forming material associated with the coal processing waste pile, we need more information from the Division. CPMC is requesting that the Division review the consultant report "An Evaluation of Plant and Soil Selenium Concentrations in Coal Refuse and Undisturbed Soils" dated February 26, 1992. This document was submitted with the 1992 Permit Renewal package. No comments were ever received by us regarding this document. Before a revised reclamation plan or additional technical information can be generated, it is imperative that the Division review the consultant report so that any additional test work, if any, can be performed. CPMC does not want to incur any additional costs in acquiring additional technical information if what we have submitted is sufficient, nor do we wish to commence with any reclamation engineering or activities until we have had time to review and evaluate the Division's comments.

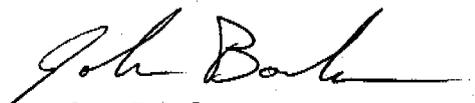
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Engineering (slope-breaks, slope-angles and/or benches) and reclamation of the refuse pile is dependant upon the amount of growth medium necessary to cover the material. The depth of cover will dictate how wide we need to construct benches to minimize erosion and provide CPMC with adequate long term storage capacity, and quantity needed to meet applicable vegetation performance standards.

Therefore, CPMC is requesting a postponement on addressing the refuse pile issues until the Division has reviewed the consultant report and provided comments. Their review is critical in providing direction, so that CPMC can commence with correcting the refuse pile deficiencies identified in the Midterm Review. With regards to the other issues identified, CPMC is requesting a 60 day extension to the Division's March 8, 1995, deadline. The Division's concerns other than the refuse pile issues requires adequate time to evaluate alternatives and formulate plans that can be presented. With our new Environmental Engineer on board, I believe this extended time period should be sufficient.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me or Johnny Pappas at 637-2875.

Sincerely,



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Enclosure