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September 21, 1995

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RE: Surface Facilities, Starpoint Mine, Cyprus Plateau Mining Corporation, ACT/007/006-95B, Folder #3, Carbon County, Utah

Dear Mr. Pappas:

The aforementioned amendment is approved effective September 21, 1995. The approval is based on the information you submitted together with the regulatory findings cited below.

Followup Action By Permittee

Within 30 days after this project is completed, please submit to the Division of Oil, Gas, and Mining, Price Field Office:

- 1) Copies of a certified updated surface facilities maps in the 521.121 series,
- 2) MRP pages 500-34, 500-35, and 500-35.1,
- 3) Revise appropriate pages of the MRP to describe treatment of washbay water, and
- 4) Further bonding documentation.

We in turn will make the appropriate distribution of the complete package after construction to responsible parties, including our DOGM Salt Lake Office.

Project Description

In summary, the key features of this project are as follows:

- 1) PARKING AREA. The parking area is being converted to an equipment/material storage area to supplement other existing storage areas.



- 2) EMERGENCY ESCAPEWAY. The emergency escapeway includes a small cinder block building in connection with the escape way.
- 3) NON-COAL WASTE COLLECTOR. This existing device, part of the beltline system, will segregate non-coal waste from coal as a component of the beltline. It is located on the beltline in the coal silo area. The non-coal material will be removed and disposed of as non-coal waste.
- 4) WASHBAY FOR WASHING MINE EQUIPMENT. The washbay provides for improvement in washing mine equipment. Also, it provides for primary washbay water treatment before being discharged into the existing sediment control system. The washbay dimensions are as follows: L=25' x W=22' x H=14'
- 5) THREE CARPORTS. These carports are for vehicle covered storage, approximate dimensions are as follows:

	Length	Width	Height
#1	100'	15'	10'
#2	60'	40'	10'
#3	80'	15'	10'

Project items 1), 2), and 3) were omitted from the maps, but are approved components of existing systems. Project items 4) and 5) above are new construction.

Findings

- (1) The applicant submitted a complete and accurate amendment application.
- (2) DOGM PERMIT STATUS. The addition lies within the current permit.
- (3) ACTIVE MINE. The area is included in an active approved coal mining and reclamation operation, is within the existing disturbed area. Sediment pond has heretofore been approved by the Division for treating runoff from this area. Runoff from new construction projects 4) and 5) described above report to existing DOGM approved sediment/runoff control systems. The drainage system remains as currently approved by DOGM. Washbay wash water will be diverted into the mine shop oil/water separator before being discharged.

- (4) LAND STATUS. The surface estate is patented; washbay and carports #1 and #3 are located on state land; carport #2 is on land owned by Cyprus Plateau Mining.
- (5) OTHER APPROVAL. A copy of the state land special use lease agreement was included with the amendment package. The lease, in my opinion, provides for new construction as described in paragraph h, page 2 and other applicable parts of the lease.

Building permit was issued by Carbon County covering the new construction. This project does not impact any other agencies or the land and resources they manage.

- (6) IMPACTS. The project does not have any material adverse impacts to hydrologic balance, nor does it involve any existing critical habitat.
- (7) RECLAMATION AND BONDING. The reclamation plan, as currently approved, is accurate. The permittee states that because of an identified contingency, the mine is over bonded by \$538,583.88. They also state that the proposed reclamation costs are \$11,000.00+ for the new construction.

Since there is a high urgency concerning the new construction, final judgement on the adequacy of the bond is being withheld. This primarily relates to the term "contingency" and what that may or may not include. While Mr. Pappas has made an analysis, some followup work on this item rests with the undersigned and the permittee to better get a handle on this matter.

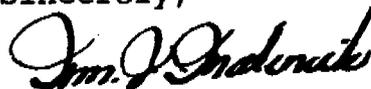
Should the permittee be over bonded, this and future amendments can be processed with this in mind. However, because of the circumstances this should not be a reason to disapprove the new construction. Items 1), 2), & 3) are covered in the existing bond calculations.

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- (8) RECORD UPDATE. The technical analysis will be updated after the bonding matter has been resolved.

Your amendment as previously stated has been approved. Within 30 days after the construction has been completed, you must submit documents identified in the "Followup" on page 1 of this letter. Please advise me ASAP on when we can meet on the bonding matter.

Sincerely,



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