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Re: Extension to Submittal of 1995 Annual Report, AMAX Coal Company and Cyprus Plateau Mining Corporation, Castle Gate Mine and Star Point Mine, ACT/007/004 and ACT/007/006, Carbon County, Utah

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Dear Mr. Braxton:

AMAX Coal Company (ACC) and Cyprus Plateau Mining Corporation (CPMC) is seeking an extension to the April 2, 1996, deadline for submitting its annual reports. An extension is necessary because of the difficulty that I am having in getting an Oracle Programmer to come to Plateau and input and generate the data and graphs for our hydrology report.

I have been trying since the first of February, with no luck. The consulting company that Plateau used in the past has been uncooperative and now, I'm scrambling to find someone who can meet our needs. One consulting firm that I am negotiating with may be able to commence work on our data base by the end of March or first of April..

With respect to the Castle Gate Mine, I feel that the hydrology portion of the reports submitted in the past need to be brought into conformance with the Division's protocol; therefore, I am in the process of negotiating with another consulting firm to input previous field and analytical data and generate a report more in line with what the Division is requesting.

In addition to the above, Plateau is still awaiting its vegetation report from its consultant and the macroinvertebrate report from the Forest Service.

ACC and CPMC would like to submit their annual reports in a format requested by the Division; however, to do this by April 2, 1996, is not possible. Therefore, an extension until May 15, 1996, is requested and should provide sufficient time as long as there in not a conflict with the consultant's schedule.

The Division's approval would be greatly appreciated. If you have any questions or need additional information, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

Johnny Pappas

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Environmental Engineer

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