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Re: Renewal Application, Cyprus Plateau Mining Corporation, Star Point Mine, ACT/007/006, Folder #3, Carbon County, Utah

Dear Mr. Pappas:

The Division received your application for renewal for the Star Point Mine on September 27, 1996, with additional information supplied on October 16, 1996. The application contains a number of permit changes, the most significant being the changes to the reclamation plan for the refuse pile. Because of the new permitting actions that have been applied for, the Division is finding it quite difficult to process the renewal. While your permit carries with it the right to successive renewal it is the Division's policy to not accept permit changes in conjunction with the renewal. Any permit changes would best be accomplished prior to, or after, the renewal.

A successive renewal would be based on the following factors according to R645-303-230:

1. Compliance with the existing Mining and Reclamation Plan and permit.
2. Legal and financial information being current and up-to-date.
3. Violation history and status being brought up-to-date.
4. Ability to clear the Applicant Violator System (AVS).
5. Bond being current and escalated for the additional term of the permit.
6. Evidence of satisfactory liability Insurance.

Your application, in reality, is two different applications; one being an application for permit change the other an application for permit renewal. In an attempt to accommodate both actions the Division will process both applications, however, they will be processed on separate tracks.

It is most likely that the renewal application, being the most pressing, will be

processed first. The renewal will be based on your existing approved plan and will not recognize the proposed changes. However, updated information (legal, financial, violation history, etc.) will be taken from the new application. Because of the strict time frames associated with public notice for renewal applications, you should immediately proceed with publication as required by R645-300-121. You should also ensure that a copy of your current plan is filed with the county recorder.

In regard to the proposed permit changes, the Division has assigned them for review and will track them as permit change 96C. Only after they have been reviewed and approved will they be accepted as part of your plan. Any deficiencies in your proposal will need to be corrected prior to approval. The Division is preparing a Technical Analysis of the proposed changes and will forward this to you as soon as possible.

Thank you for your patience during the permitting process. Please call if you have any questions.

Sincerely,



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