

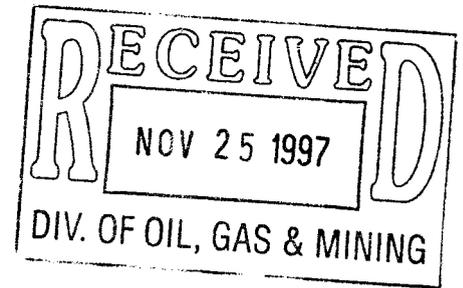


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November 20, 1997

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Re: In-Mine Ground Water Monitoring Modification, Cyprus Plateau Mining Corporation, Star Point Mine, ACT/007/006-97C, Folder #2, Carbon County, Utah

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Dear Mr. Wright:

Regarding the aforementioned submitted to the Division's Price Field Office (PFO) on October 31, 1997, and subsequently submitted to the Division's Salt Lake Office (SLO), via the PFO on November 4, 1997, CPMC is hereby asking the Division's SLO to review the amendment so that CPMC can proceed with its well abandonment. Also, please send a copy of the amendment package to Liane Mattson of the USFS for her review and comment.

The wells must be abandoned prior to installing seals at the south end of the 1st South Mains, outby of the Graben Crossing. The sealing of the Gentry Mountain and Castle Valley Ridge Tracts must be completed by December 31, 1997, pursuant to an MSHA directive.

Presently, CPMC intends to begin abandonment of its monitoring wells no later than December 8, 1997. For CPMC to comply with the well abandonment regulations, its wells must be plugged by a licensed well driller and must be done prior to any sealing of the Graben Crossing. Construction of the seals will commence no later than December 17, 1997.

Therefore, it is critical that the SLO review this simple amendment and authorize the abandonment of these monitoring wells so that CPMC can satisfy MSHA's directive and avoid an unnecessary citation. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me at (435) 472-4741.

Sincerely,

Johnny Pappas  
Sr. Environmental Engineer

cc: B. Malencik - PFO