



**CYPRUS PLATEAU  
MINING CORPORATION**

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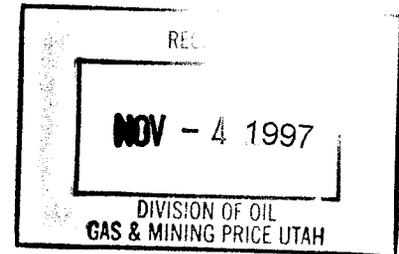
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October 30, 1997

HAND DELIVERED

Mr. Bill Malencik  
Utah Division of Oil, Gas and Mining  
451 East 400 North  
Price, Utah 84501

ATC



Re: Modification to In-Mine Ground Water Monitoring, Cyprus Plateau Mining Corporation,  
Star Point Mine, ACT/007/006, Carbon County, Utah

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Dear Mr. Malencik:

Cyprus Plateau Mining Corporation's (CPMC) Star Point Mine will install seals at the south end of its 1st South Mains, outby of the Graben Crossing, thereby precluding access to the Gentry and Castle Valley Ridge Tracts, Federal Coal Leases U-13097 and UTU-64263, respectively, by December 31, 1997, pursuant to MSHA's directive.

Therefore, prior to the sealing activities, CPMC must abandon in-mine monitoring wells P92-01A-WD, P92-01B-WD, P92-01C-WD, P92-02-WD, P92-04-WD, P93-01-WD, and P86-03-WD using a licensed well driller in accordance with Utah's well abandonment regulations. These wells must be abandoned no later than December 15, 1997, to allow sufficient time for the sealing to be completed by December 31, thereby complying with MSHA's directive. In addition to losing the monitoring wells, the Gentry Ridge in-mine monitoring site will also be lost.

Furthermore, it is anticipated that the Star Point Mine will cease operation in the very near future once the Willow Creek Mine reaches full production. With this in mind, CPMC is requesting that the remaining in-mine monitoring wells (P86-01-TD and P86-03-HD) and ground water locations (1WN6 and 9L12) cease to be monitored beginning with the first quarter of 1998. Wells P86-01-TD and P86-03-HD will be sealed during the first or second quarter of 1998.

A significantly long period of record has been developed using the in-mine monitoring wells to provide an understanding of local ground water conditions. The remaining monitoring stations along with the surface wells 86-26-6 and 86-35-2-3, and other springs on Lease U-13097 adequately monitor the potential impacts of mining in Lease U-13097 and the potential impact area down water gradient. Surface well 92-10-1 and springs on Lease UTU-64263, will adequately monitor the potential impacts of mining in Lease UTU-64263.

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This amendment package is being sent to the Price Field Office (PFO) because the first eight "shaded" questions on Form C-1 were answered with a "No" and thereby, pursuant to my understanding of the Division's policy can be forwarded to the PFO and approved accordingly. I have enclosed 7 copies of the permit amendment for your review and distribution to the appropriate agencies. Additionally, a completed Form C-2 is enclosed addressing the appropriated page and map replacements.

If you have any questions or need additionally information, please to not hesitate to contact me. Approval to abandon the monitoring sites inby of the 1st South Mains in a timely fashion is necessary to comply with MSHA's directive.

Sincerely,



Johnny Pappas  
Sr. Environmental Engineer

Enclosures

cc: J. Trackemas (w/o enclosures)  
A. Palm (w/o enclosures)

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# APPLICATION FOR PERMIT PROCESSING

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Permit Change	<input type="checkbox"/> New Permit	<input type="checkbox"/> Renewal	<input type="checkbox"/> Transfer	<input type="checkbox"/> Exploration	<input type="checkbox"/> Bond Release	Permit Number: ACT/007/006
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Title of Proposal: Ground Water Monitoring Plan - Modification	Mine: STAR POINT MINES
Permittee: CYPRUS PLATEAU MINING	

Description, include reason for application and timing required to implement:  
**Discontinue in-mine monitoring sites - Sealing Gentry Ridge Tract and preparing for closure of Star Point Mine**

**Instructions:** If you answer yes to any of the first 8 questions (gray), submit the application to the Salt Lake Office. Otherwise, you may submit it to your reclamation specialist.

<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	1. Change in the size of the Permit Area? _____ acres Disturbed Area? _____ acres <input type="checkbox"/> increase <input type="checkbox"/> decrease.
<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	2. Is the application submitted as a result of a Division Order? DO # _____
<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	3. Does application include operations outside a previously identified Cumulative Hydrologic Impact Area?
<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	4. Does application include operations in hydrologic basins other than as currently approved?
<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	5. Does application result from cancellation, reduction or increase of insurance or reclamation bond?
<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	6. Does the application require or include public notice/publication?
<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	7. Does the application require or include ownership, control, right-of-entry, or compliance information?
<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	8. Is proposed activity within 100 feet of a public road or cemetery or 300 feet of an occupied dwelling?
<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	9. Is the application submitted as a result of a Violation? NOV # _____
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No	10. Is the application submitted as a result of other laws or regulations or policies? Explain: MSHA
<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	11. Does the application affect the surface landowner or change the post mining land use?
<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	12. Does the application require or include underground design or mine sequence and timing? (Modification of R2P2?)
<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	13. Does the application require or include collection and reporting of any baseline information?
<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	14. Could the application have any effect on wildlife or vegetation outside the current disturbed area?
<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	15. Does application require or include soil removal, storage or placement?
<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	16. Does the application require or include vegetation monitoring, removal or revegetation activities?
<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	17. Does the application require or include construction, modification, or removal of surface facilities?
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No	18. Does the application require or include water monitoring, sediment or drainage control measures?
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No	19. Does the application require or include certified designs, maps, or calculations?
<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	20. Does the application require or include subsidence control or monitoring?
<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	21. Have reclamation costs for bonding been provided for?
<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	22. Does application involve a perennial stream, a stream buffer zone or discharges to a stream?
<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	23. Does the application affect permits issued by other agencies or permits issued to other entities?

Attach <sup>7</sup> complete copies of the application.

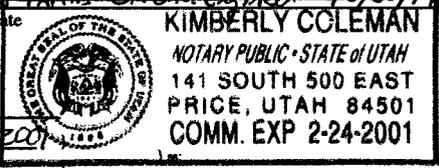
I hereby certify that I am a responsible official of the applicant and that the information contained in this application is true and correct to the best of my information and belief in all respects with the laws of Utah in reference to commitments, undertakings, and obligations, herein. (R645-301-123)

*Johnny Pratts* - JOHNNY PRATTS Sr. Eng. *10/20/97*  
 Signed - Name - Position - Date

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 30 day of Oct., 1997.

*Kimberly Coleman*  
 Notary Public *February 24, 2001*

My Commission Expires: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Attest: \_\_\_\_\_ COUNTY OF \_\_\_\_\_



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