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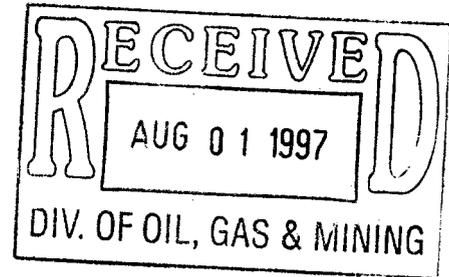


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Attn: Pamela Grubaugh-Littig

ACT/007/006 #6

Re: Second Quarter 1997 Refuse Pile Certification

Dear Ms. Grubaugh-Littig:

Enclosed is a copy of the second quarter 1997 certification for the refuse pile at CPMC's Star Point Mine.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read 'Johnny Pappas'.

Johnny Pappas
Sr. Environmental Engineer

Enclosure

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**CYPRUS PLATEAU MINING CORPORATION
QUARTERLY REFUSE PILE CERTIFICATION
SECOND QUARTER, 1997**

I hereby certify that I am a Registered Professional Engineer in the State of Utah. I certify that on June 27 and 28, 1997 I inspected the coal processing refuse pile at Cyprus Plateau Mining Corporation's Star Point Mine in Carbon County, Utah. To the best of my knowledge and belief, the refuse pile has been constructed and maintained as designed, with the following exception: While material is being spread and compacted as designed, a few isolated areas of the pile are currently actively being regraded and are thus not subject to the final grade parameters at this time: these areas will be addressed in the next quarterly certification.

There are no apparent areas of instability, structural weakness, or other hazardous conditions.


T. Arthur Palm



7-8-97
July 8, 1997