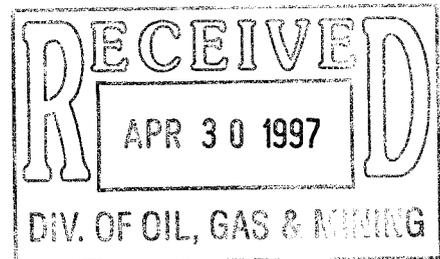




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Attn: Pamela Grubaugh-Littig

Re: First Quarter 1997 Refuse Pile Certification

Dear Ms. Grubaugh-Littig:

*ACT/007/006 #6*

Enclosed is a copy of the first 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

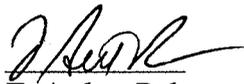
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**CYPRUS PLATEAU MINING CORPORATION  
QUARTERLY REFUSE PILE CERTIFICATION  
FIRST QUARTER, 1997**

I hereby certify that I am a Registered Professional Engineer in the State of Utah. I certify that on March 27,28,29 and 31 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 exceptions: (1) A culvert must be replaced on the South side of the pile, and (2) While material is being spread and compacted as designed, several 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. Small, structurally insignificant pooling of water is evident in isolated areas of the pile. These are being actively addressed.

  
T. Arthur Palm

4/2/97  
April 2, 1997

Postscript: As of today, April 2, 1997, item (1) above has been corrected. Item (2) is still in progress.

