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BUREAU OF LAND MANAGEMENT

Mr. Dick Manus
Area Manager
Bureau of Land Management
125 South 600 West
Price, Utah 84501

Re: Equipment Abandonment, Star Point Mine Closure, Cyprus Plateau Mining Corporation

Dear Mr. Manus:

As we have evaluated the abandonment of certain areas of the mine, it appears that it is both practical and economical to abandon certain items of equipment in place rather than attempt to bring them to the surface for disposal. We believe that this can be accomplished without any impact on other resources and in full compliance with the regulations.

Therefore, please accept this letter as our request for BLM approval of the abandonment of the 3rd North area with the seals to be put in place just north of the proposed 4th West section. As a part of this abandonment, it is our intent to abandon the longwall in place at the conclusion of our mining operations. During the final stages of our operations, all equipment will be drained of viscous petroleum products and emulsion fluid for the longwall will not be replace as it is consumed for the last three (3) days of its operation. During this period, only water will be used for the operation of the shields. All petroleum products will be removed from the underground area and appropriately disposed of. Under these circumstances, we see no risk of contamination of ground water and no risk of damage to any other resources on the public lands.

We would appreciate receiving you approval of this abandonment as indicated above.

Sincerely,

Art Palm
Acting General Manager

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