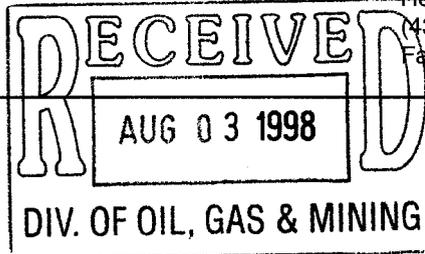




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July 30, 1998

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RE: Extension of Time to Provide Clean Copies, Revised and Approved MRP, Cyprus Plateau Mining Corporation, Star Point Mine, ACT/007/006-96C, File #3, Carbon County, Utah

Dear Mr. Haddock:

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Regarding the aforementioned and the Division's July 15, 1998, letter providing Cyprus Plateau Mining Corporation (CPMC) until today, July 30, to submit the revised and approved clean copies to the Star Point MRP, CPMC is unable to meet the Division's deadline.

There are several reasons why CPMC is unable to meet this deadline, e.g. consultant constraints, DOGM schedules, and revisions still needing finalizing. CPMC has scheduled August 25, with Ms. Susan White to visit the Corner Canyon and Mudwater Fan sites to finalize a revegetation issues. This way, Patrick Collins can modify the vegetation portion of the MRP accordingly and submit the Division with clean corrected copies. On July 21, Sagebrush Consultants visited the site to perform a historical inventory on the buildings in question and CPMC is awaiting their report for submission to the Division. Also, there were several other deficiencies that the Division identified in its May 27, 1998, document that CPMC responded to and has not yet heard back from the Division regarding the deficiencies. }

CPMC is somewhat reluctant to submit clean copies of the revisions at this time, knowing that it will have to resubmit additional clean copies once the necessary modifications and additional information is incorporated into the MRP. Therefore, CPMC would like to have enough time to do it right the first time and thereby minimize expenses and any further confusion that we might have.

* CPMC would be most appreciative if the Division could extend the July 30, 1998, submittal of the clean copies until September 30. This will require both CPMC and the Division to work together to identify all revisions to the MRP, respond to all deficiencies and responses, and understand that schedules may conflict with expediting this task in a timely manner.

As it is the Division's desire, it is also CPMC's to finalize the reclamation plan so that when the Star Point Mine closes, reclamation activities can commence as soon as possible and under an approved Plan. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

Johnny Pappas
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