

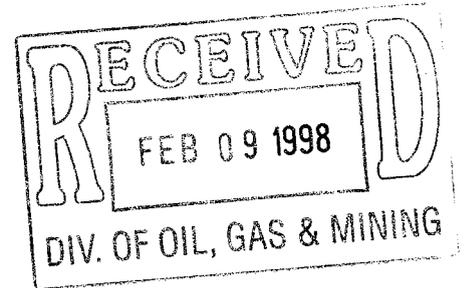
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February 6, 1998



Utah Coal Regulatory Program
Division of Oil, Gas and Mining
1594 West North Temple, Suite 1210
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Attn: Pamela Grubaugh-Littig

Re: Fourth Quarter 1997 Refuse Pile Certification, Cyprus
Plateau Mining Corporation, Star Point Mines, ACT/007/006,
Carbon County, Utah

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Dear Ms. Grubaugh-Littig:

Enclosed is a copy of the fourth 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

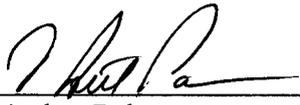
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**CYPRUS PLATEAU MINING CORPORATION
QUARTERLY REFUSE PILE CERTIFICATION
FOURTH QUARTER, 1997**

I hereby certify that I am a Registered Professional Engineer in the State of Utah. I certify that I have made an inspection of 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.

There are no apparent areas of instability, structural weakness, or other hazardous conditions. The refuse pile is currently not being used for disposal, but is actively being graded.



T. Arthur Palm



12/31/97
December 31, 1997