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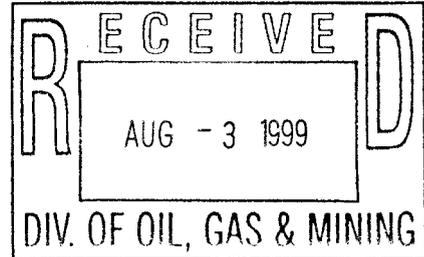


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July 30, 1999

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Mr. Lowell Braxton, Director
Utah Division of Oil, Gas and Mining
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RE: Division Order with Respect to Permit Change and Updated PHC in Connection with Abandonment of Machinery, Plateau Mining Corporation, Star Point Mine, ACT/007/006-DO99A, File #3 Carbon County, Utah

Dear Mr. Braxton:

Plateau Mining Corporation (PMC) is herewith submitting the information required by the aforementioned. Pages in the permit package have been changed and the PHC was updated to reflect the incorporation of the Hansen, Allen & Luce Report generated on November 18, 1997. The abandonment of the Longwall within Panel 42 of the Castle Valley Ridge Coal Lease Tract was necessitated when unexpected geologic and operating conditions were encountered and serious concerns for the employee's safety precluded any attempt to recover the longwall.

The Hansen, Allen & Luce Report was generated to: 1) Document the location of the abandoned longwall; 2) Describe the condition upon abandonment; and 3) Describe the potential for any hydrologic impacts as a result of the abandonment. This Report was submitted to Ms. Janette S. Kaiser (Manti-Lasal National Forest Supervisor) and Mr. Richard L. Manus (Bureau and Land Management Field Manager) on December 1, 1997. A copy of this report was also submitted to the Division of Oil, Gas and Mining ("Division") on March 1, 1999.

The voluntary submission of this information and the amendment of the PHC by PMC are not to be construed as an admission by PMC that the Division has jurisdiction to require the action of PMC as set forth in the Division Order, which is specifically denied, nor should it be construed as an admission that the cited regulations require such a submission, which is also specifically denied. PMC reserves the right at any time, and from time to time, to raise such issues should the Division take similar action in the future with respect to this mining machinery or any subsequent abandonment of mining machinery underground.

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PMC believes that this submittal adequately addresses and is fully responsive to the requirements of Division Order No. 99A. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me at (435) 472-4741.

Sincerely,



Johnny Pappas
Sr. Environmental Engineer

Enclosure

File: Star Point Longwall
Chrono: JP990708.LTR

APPLICATION FOR PERMIT PROCESSING

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Permit Change	<input type="checkbox"/> New Permit	<input type="checkbox"/> Renewal	<input type="checkbox"/> Transfer	<input type="checkbox"/> Exploration	<input type="checkbox"/> Bond Release	Permit Number: ACT/007/006
Title of Proposal: Division Order to Update the PHC with respect to Abandonment of Machinery, ACT/007/006-DO99A						Mine: STAR POINT MINES
						Permittee: CYPRUS PLATEAU MINING

Description, include reason for application and timing required to implement:

Division Order to Update PHC regarding Abandonment of Machinery

Instructions: If you answer yes to any of the first 8 questions (gray), submit the application to the Salt Lake Office. Otherwise, you may submit it to your reclamation specialist.

<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	1. Change in the size of the Permit Area? _____ acres Disturbed Area? _____ acres <input type="checkbox"/> increase <input type="checkbox"/> decrease.
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No	2. Is the application submitted as a result of a Division Order? DO # 99A
<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	3. Does application include operations outside a previously identified Cumulative Hydrologic Impact Area?
<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	4. Does application include operations in hydrologic basins other than as currently approved?
<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	5. Does application result from cancellation, reduction or increase of insurance or reclamation bond?
<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	6. Does the application require or include public notice/publication?
<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	7. Does the application require or include ownership, control, right-of-entry, or compliance information?
<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	8. Is proposed activity within 100 feet of a public road or cemetery or 300 feet of an occupied dwelling?
<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	9. Is the application submitted as a result of a Violation? NOV #
<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	10. Is the application submitted as a result of other laws or regulations or policies? Explain:
<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	11. Does the application affect the surface landowner or change the post mining land use?
<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	12. Does the application require or include underground design or mine sequence and timing? (Modification of R2P2?)
<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	13. Does the application require or include collection and reporting of any baseline information?
<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	14. Could the application have any effect on wildlife or vegetation outside the current disturbed area?
<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	15. Does application require or include soil removal, storage or placement?
<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	16. Does the application require or include vegetation monitoring, removal or revegetation activities?
<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	17. Does the application require or include construction, modification, or removal of surface facilities?
<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	18. Does the application require or include water monitoring, sediment or drainage control measures?
<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	19. Does the application require or include certified designs, maps, or calculations?
<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	20. Does the application require or include subsidence control or monitoring?
<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	21. Have reclamation costs for bonding been provided for?
<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	22. Does application involve a perennial stream, a stream buffer zone or discharges to a stream?
<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	23. Does the application affect permits issued by other agencies or permits issued to other entities?

Attach 3 complete copies of the application.

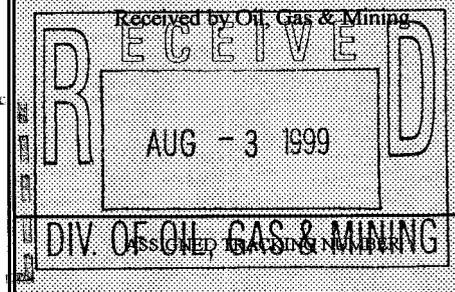
I hereby certify that I am a responsible official of the applicant and that the information contained in this application is true and correct to the best of my information and belief in all respects with the laws of Utah in reference to commitments, undertakings, and obligations, herein. (R645-301-123)

Signed - Name - Position - Date
John Pappas - **John Pappas - Sr. Env. Engineer** - 7/30/99

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 30 day of July, 1999.

Jackie B. Boggin
 Notary Public
 My Commission Expires: 3-15-2001
 STATE OF UTAH
 COUNTY OF CARBON

Notary Public
JACQUE B. BOGGIN
 104 Helper Drive
 Helper, Utah 84526
 My Commission Expires
 March 15, 2001
 State of Utah



Application for Permit Change Detailed Schedule of Changes to the Permit

Title of Change: Division Order to Update the PHC with respect to Abandonment of Machinery, ACT/007/006-DO99A	Permit Number: ACT/007/006
	Mine: Star Point Mine
	Permittee: Cyprus Plateau Mining

Provide a detailed listing of all changes to the mining and reclamation plan which will be required as a result of this proposed permit change. Individually list all maps and drawings which are to be added, replaced, or removed from the plan. Include changes of the table of contents, section of the plan, pages, or other information as needed to specifically locate, identify and revise the exiting mining and reclamation plan. Include page, section and drawing numbers as part of the description.

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Any other specific or special instructions required for insertion of this proposal into the Mining and Reclamation Plan?

August 1999

