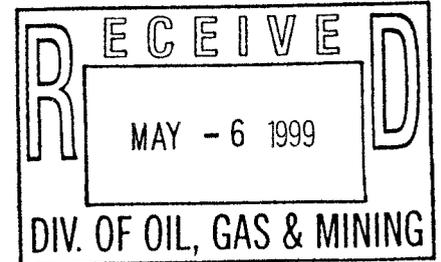




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May 4, 1999



Mr. Joe Helfrich
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RE: Request for Extension, Topsoil Borrow Area, Cyprus Plateau Mining Corporation,
Star Point Mine, ACT/007/006-99C, File #2, Carbon County, Utah

Dear Mr. Helfrich:

A handwritten signature in cursive that reads 'Corey J. Jell'.

Cyprus Plateau Mining Corporation (CPMC) is seeking a three week extension until May 28, regarding the aforementioned. CPMC will not be able to meet the Division's May 7, response time frame due to its Consultant's (EarthFax Engineering) existing workload.

During CPMC's most recent submittal (Willow Creek As-Builts), EarthFax had to set aside other projects to devote their time to CPMC's project at hand and because of this, their other clients had to wait. Now its their time and mine to wait.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive that reads 'Johnny Pappas'.

Johnny Pappas
Sr. Environmental Engineer