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TO: File

THRU.: Daron Haddock, Permit Supervisor 

FROM: Wayne H. Western, Senior Reclamation Specialist *WHW*

RE: Review with Emphasis on Reclamation Bond Amount, Plateau Mining Corporation, Star Point Mine, ACT/007/006-MT99, File #2, Carbon County, Utah

**Summary:**

The Division found that the reclamation bond for the Star Point Mine is adequate.

**Analysis:**

As part of the Star Point Mine midterm review, the Division revised the reclamation bond. The Division last updated the reclamation bond in April 1999 and no changes since has since been made. The current bond amount is \$10,581,000, while the updated bond amount is \$10,596,000 in 2002 dollars. The difference between the current bond and the current bond calculations is less than 0.2%. The Division usually does not require that the bond amount be increased if the difference is less than 5%. Therefore, the Division will not request a bond adjustment as part of the midterm review. See the attached sheet for a summary of the reclamation bond amount.

**Findings:**

The Permittee met the minimum requirements of the R654-301-830 rules.

**RECOMMENDATIONS:**

The Division should not adjust the Star Point Mine bond at this time.