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Re: Completion of Midterm Review, Plateau Mining Corporation, Star Point Mine,  
ACT/007/006-MT99, Folder #3, Carbon County, Utah

Dear Mr. Pappas:

The Division has completed the midterm review of the Star Point Mine. The items which were reviewed were identified in our July 6, 1999 letter to you and the results are listed below.

1. An AVS check was conducted and returned with a system recommendation of issue.
2. A review of division orders and plan changes has indicated that all pending issues have been or are being addressed. Division order DO99A was completed on October 8, 1999 when clean copies of the amended plans were submitted as required. Amendment 99D which updates the officers and directors is pending and information has been submitted to complete this.
3. A review of the mines application of the best technology currently available (BTCA) to prevent additional contributions of suspended solids to stream flows outside of the permit area was completed. Sediment ponds are the most used sediment control structures on the mine site. The hydrologic features viewed during the field review were functioning adequately and there were no adverse impacts to offsite resources identified.
4. A technical site visit was conducted to document the status and effectiveness of operational, reclamation, and contemporaneous reclamation practices. Two main reclamation issues were discussed during the visit. The first dealt with reclamation of the highwalls and returning the cutslope areas to AOC. The second dealt with reclamation of the old county road. It was suggested that reclamation of the old road and No. 1 mine area be conducted as contemporaneously as possible. A third issue dealing with