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TO: Internal File

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RE: Revised Surface Ownership Map, Plateau Mining Company, Star Point Mine, ACT/007/006-AM00C

SUMMARY:

Plateau Mining Company has proposed to update Map 112.500a which shows surface ownership in the permit and adjacent areas. The map is intended to more clearly show the permit area boundaries.

TECHNICAL ANALYSIS:

ENVIRONMENTAL RESOURCE INFORMATION

MAPS, PLANS, AND CROSS SECTIONS OF RESOURCE INFORMATION

Regulatory Reference: R645-301-521.131

Analysis:

Affected Area Boundary Maps

The applicant has proposed to change the surface ownership map and include a line showing the permit area boundary. This was done in response to a review where the Division found some conflicts between the legal description in the permit and what was shown on the

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maps and in the coal leases. The areas of concern are in Township 15 South, Range 7 East, Sections 22 and 27.

These portions of the map now correspond with the legal description in the federal leases for the area, but they are not the same as the description in the permit. The permit should be changed to correspond with the revised map and with the federal leases. The correct legal description for these areas is contained in a letter from the applicant dated May 1, 2000. This letter details additional changes that need to be made in the permit area legal description.

Findings:

Information in the proposal is adequate to meet the requirements of this section of the regulations. The Division needs to revise the legal description in the permit.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

The proposed amendment can be approved. The Division needs to modify the legal description of the permit area contained in the permit.