



State of Utah
DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES
DIVISION OF OIL, GAS AND MINING

Michael O. Leavitt
Governor
Kathleen Clarke
Executive Director
Lowell P. Braxton
Division Director

1594 West North Temple, Suite 1210
PO Box 145801
Salt Lake City, Utah 84114-5801
801-538-5340
801-359-3940 (Fax)
801-538-7223 (TDD)

October 5, 2000

To: [Redacted]
Thru: Susan M. White, Permit Supervisor
Daron R. Haddock, Permit Supervisor *DRH*
From: Wayne H. Western, Senior Reclamation Specialist *WHW*
Re: Technical Field Visit to Corner Canyon, Plateau Mining Corporation, Star Point,
[Redacted]

Other Attendees: Johnny Pappas, Plateau Mining Corp.

Date & Time: October 4, 2000; 8:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

PURPOSE:

The purpose of the field visit was to inspect the on going reclamation work at the Corner Canyon portals.

OBSERVATIONS:

The backfilling and grading work has been completed for the intake and belt portals. The backfill material was placed by using a conveyor and hand labor.

Above each of the two reclaimed portals a log fence was constructed. Soil was place on the uphill side of the fence. Then the surrounding area was backfilled and the portal was then backfilled from inside the mine. Once the portals had been backfilled, the cables holding the log fence in place were released. The soils from behind the fences slide in front of the portals completely covering them. Backfilling the two portals has been completed.

The slopes were then smoothed by hand. Logs were placed parallel to the slopes to reduce erosion. The areas are ready to be seeded.

The fan portal is being reclaimed. The fill is being place in the pad area. The reclamation work is being done by two shifts and should be completed within two weeks.

RECOMMENDATIONS/CONCLUSIONS:

The Division should continue to monitor the reclamation activities at the site. The Division should arrange with the permittee to be onsite before the exhaust portal is completely reclaimed. Because the portals are in a remote location, the permittee can

sm
cc: Johnny Pappas, Plateau Mining Corp.
O:\007006.STP\FINAL\FV_100400.wpd