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February 23, 2000

John Borla
Plateau Mining Corporation
847 Northwest Highway 191
Helper, Utah 84526

Re: Temporary/Permanent Cessation, Plateau Mining Corporation, Star Point Mine,
ACT/007/006, Outgoing File

Dear Mr. Borla:

It has come to my attention that the Star Point Mine is either going into temporary cessation or permanent cessation. I have enclosed copies of the requirements of R645-515-320 (temporary cessation) and R645-541-100 (permanent cessation) for your information. Please advise me immediately about the future of the Star Point Mine and whether it is going into temporary or permanent cessation.

The Division inspector at the Star Point Mine, Bill Malencik, has brought to my attention four pending matters that also require your immediate attention:

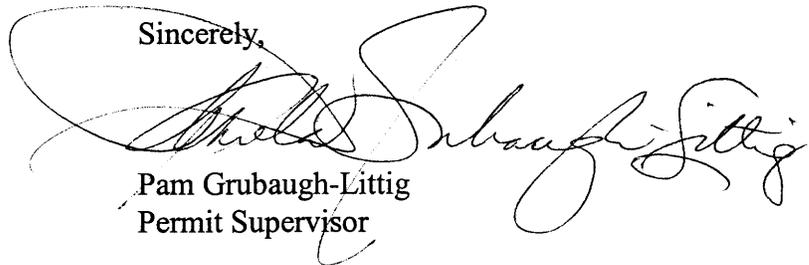
- Item #1: Sediment Pond material must be completely removed and disposed appropriately, (timing - immediately)
- Item #2: Non-coal waste action plan to remove the materials that are no longer needed at the mine (timing - by the end of April),
- Item #3: Be aware that you cannot close a county road per the original arrangements made by Mr. Lowman with the county on the Lion Deck road. This is a county road and is to remain open. (The #1 mine road used by the public would be reclaimed if you were to go into permanent cessation.) However, both roads must remain open under existing arrangements, and
- Item #4: During the winding down of operations at the Star Point mine, environmental control measures must be maintained. Reclamation should be implemented on areas where mining is no longer a viable alternative.

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I am looking forward to your notification to the Division and immediate action on the disposition of the mine as well as the completion of the removal of the sedimentation pond material.

If you have any questions about this, please call me.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Pam Grubaugh-Littig". The signature is written in a cursive style with large, sweeping loops.

Pam Grubaugh-Littig
Permit Supervisor

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cc: Johnny Pappas, Plateau Mining Corp.
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