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Incoming
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Re: UPDES REPORT, AUGUST 2001 - PERMIT NO. UT0023736

Dear Mr. Smith

Enclosed please find our Discharge Monitoring Reports for August 2001. On August 21, the Star Point Mine area received over an inch of precipitation in a 35 minute time-frame. The precipitation came in the form of rain and hail. So much hail fell during this time that four-wheel drive was needed to go from the lower surface facilities up to the sealed mine portal area.

The precipitation event started at about 1:10 p.m. and ended at around 6:15 p.m. During this period the on site rain gauge accumulated 1.45-inches of precipitation (10-year, 6-hour for Star Point is 1.40-inches). A site inspection began at about 2:15 p.m, as soon as it was safe to leave our shelter, to identify any impaired runoff control and diversion structure. As soon as the impaired structures were identified, the on site equipment was mobilized to perform the necessary corrective actions. With the use of backhoes and shovels, the required corrective actions were completed by about 6:15 p.m.

Water samples were taken on August 22, from the sediment ponds discharging water. From the DMRs, outfalls 004, 006, 009, and 010 exceeded total suspended solid limits, with outfall 009 having a slight exceedence for total iron. Further sampling from discharging outfalls was conducted on August 31, where only outfalls 004 and 006 were discharging and no exceedence was measured. Outfalls 009 and 010 had ceased discharging by August 31.

With the closure of the Star Point Mine, sealing of all portals, and decommissioning of all surface facilities, outfalls 001 (Mudwater Fan) and 011 (Water Storage Reservoir) no longer have the potential to discharge.

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During the 2001 reclamation activities, outfall 003 (Pond 3) and outfall 008 (Pond 8) will be decommissioned during the reclamation of the areas reporting to the ponds. As reclamation of the Star Point Mine continues, in accordance with its SMCRA Permit, other outfalls will be decommissioned in a systematic approach. Plateau Mining Corporation (PMC) will maintain existing outfalls in compliance with its UPDES Permit.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me and (435) 472-4741.

Sincerely,



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Sr. Environmental Engineer

Enclosures

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