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TO: Internal File

FROM: Wayne H. Western, Reclamation Specialist *WHW*

RE: Technical Field Visit, Plateau Mining Corporation, Star Point Mine, C/007/006

Other Attendees: Johnny Pappas, Plateau

Date & Time: September 28, 2001, 8:40 a.m.- 10:30 a.m.

PURPOSE:

The purpose of the visit was to inspect the general backfilling and grading and the pre-blast silo site.

OBSERVATIONS:

The Permittee continues to backfill, grade, pock, mulch, and seed the site. The drainages have been installed. See photos in the Images folder on the O:\ drive for details.

Some cut-slopes are left due to the slope steepness. The Permittee is placing the fill as high on the slope as practical. Often this requires that the contractor scoop up material with an excavator and then drive upslope and place the material. The process is then repeated.

The silo was being prepared for demolition. The blasting contractor was placing explosives, digging the trench, and taking steps to secure the area. Due to the attack on the Trade Center the blasting contractor was having a difficult time getting blast caps sent by airfreight.

TECHNICAL FIELD VISIT

RECOMMENDATIONS/CONCLUSIONS:

The Division should continue to monitor the backfilling and grading. On September 29, 2001, the silo was demolished. Karl Houskeeper was present when the silo was demolished.

cc: All Attendees
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