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July 16, 2002

Mr. Daron Haddock
Utah Division of Oil, Gas and Mining
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Re: Lion Deck Modified Reclamation Plan, Plateau Mining Corporation, Star Point Mine, C/007/006-AM02B-1, Carbon County, Utah

Dear Mr. Haddock:

Plateau Mining Corporation (PMC) is submitting its response to the Division's June 2002 Technical Analysis regarding the aforementioned.

The identified deficiencies are provided below along with PMC's response.

R645-301-121.200 and R645-301-121.300, *The Permittee must include the information in the May 8, 2002 letter in the MRP about why the pre-SMCRA highwall remnants will be left.*

Can the permittee expect to see this regulation cited from now on? Is it a result of the Lila Canyon permitting action that has paralyzed the Division for over a year and forced other permitting actions to the back burner?

The permittee has included the information from the May 8 letter as requested by the Division on page 500-78. However, it should be noted that this information is already within the MRP. The permittee defended its position by using already approved information and provided the Division with the appropriate references in its May 8 letter.

By doing what the Division has requested, it will require the repagination of nine pages. Luckily the Table of Contents were not affected. Pages 500-77, -78, and -79 are submitted at this time with the remaining repaginated pages to be submitted during the clean copy submittal.

R645-301-121.200 and R645-301-121.300, *The Permittee must include the information in the May 8, 2002 letter in the MRP about how the angle-of-repose requirements have been met.*

It is frustrating to the permittee when the Division cites this regulatory requirement as being deficient, after previous regulatory deficiencies have been satisfactorily addressed.

The permittee has included this information on page 500-78. Furthermore, the approved plan already addresses the issue and the previous on pages 500-78, 500-83, and 500-84.

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R645-301-542.310, *The Permittee must provide the Division with cross-sections for the Lion Deck area at an average spacing of one cross-section every 200 feet.*

PMC provided cross-sections every 200 feet with its May 8 submittal. Therefore, this deficiency may have been an oversight by the Division. In the Division's June TA, there is no reference to the May 8 submittal, but is word for word as the April TA.

PMC takes pride in its permitting actions and endeavors to provide the Division with information that is clear and concise. To do otherwise only slows the permitting process down. Though not perfect, information may be submitted to the Division from time to time that lacks clarity and fails to address the regulatory requirement adequately.

Let's hope other permittees figure this out, so that theirs and other's can be reviewed on a timelier basis. If the Division's has any questions or need additional information, please do not hesitate to contact me at (435) 472-4741.

Sincerely,



Johnny Pappas
Sr. Environmental Engineer

Enclosures

File: Star Point Mine - Lion Deck Reclamation
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APPLICATION FOR PERMIT PROCESSING

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Permit Change	<input type="checkbox"/> New Permit	<input type="checkbox"/> Renewal	<input type="checkbox"/> Transfer	<input type="checkbox"/> Exploration	<input type="checkbox"/> Bond Release	Permit Number: C/007/006
Title of Proposal: Lion Deck Reclamation Plan Improvement, Response to June 2002 Technical Analysis						Mine: STAR POINT MINES
						Permittee: PLATEAU MINING CORP.

Description, include reason for application and timing required to implement:

Instructions: If you answer yes to any of the first 8 questions (gray), submit the application to the Salt Lake Office. Otherwise, you may submit it to your reclamation specialist.

<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	1. Change in the size of the Permit Area? _____ acres Disturbed Area? _____ acres <input type="checkbox"/> increase <input type="checkbox"/> decrease.
<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	2. Is the application submitted as a result of a Division Order? DO # _____
<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	3. Does application include operations outside a previously identified Cumulative Hydrologic Impact Area?
<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	4. Does application include operations in hydrologic basins other than as currently approved?
<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	5. Does application result from cancellation, reduction or increase of insurance or reclamation bond?
<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	6. Does the application require or include public notice/publication?
<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	7. Does the application require or include ownership, control, right-of-entry, or compliance information?
<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	8. Is proposed activity within 100 feet of a public road or cemetery or 300 feet of an occupied dwelling?
<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	9. Is the application submitted as a result of a Violation? NOV # _____
<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	10. Is the application submitted as a result of other laws or regulations or policies? Explain: _____
<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	11. Does the application affect the surface landowner or change the post mining land use?
<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	12. Does the application require or include underground design or mine sequence and timing? (Modification of R2P2?)
<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	13. Does the application require or include collection and reporting of any baseline information?
<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	14. Could the application have any effect on wildlife or vegetation outside the current disturbed area?
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No	15. Does application require or include soil removal, storage or placement?
<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	16. Does the application require or include vegetation monitoring, removal or revegetation activities?
<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	17. Does the application require or include construction, modification, or removal of surface facilities?
<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	18. Does the application require or include water monitoring, sediment or drainage control measures?
<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	19. Does the application require or include certified designs, maps, or calculations?
<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	20. Does the application require or include subsidence control or monitoring?
<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	21. Have reclamation costs for bonding been provided for?
<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	22. Does application involve a perennial stream, a stream buffer zone or discharges to a stream?
<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	23. Does the application affect permits issued by other agencies or permits issued to other entities?

Attach 3 complete copies of the application.

I hereby certify that I am a responsible official of the applicant and that the information contained in this application is true and correct to the best of my information and belief in all respects with the laws of Utah in reference to commitments, undertakings, and obligations, herein. (R645-301-123)

John Pappas
 Signed Name - Position - Date
 JOHN PAPPAS - Sr. Env. Engineer - 7/15/02

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 15th day of July, 2002.

Wilma Howa
 Notary Public

My Commission Expires: 9/5, 2004
 Attest: STATE OF Utah
 COUNTY OF Cachon



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