

April 21, 2003

TO: Internal File

THRU: Karl R. Houskeeper, Environmental Scientist III, Team Lead

FROM: Wayne H. Western, Environmental Scientist III/Engineering

RE: Technical Field Visit, Bond Release Inspection, Plateau Mining Company, Star Point Mine, C/007/006-BR03A

**Other Attendees:** Johnny Pappas, Plateau  
Karl Houskeeper, Priscilla Burton, and Wayne Western, DOGM

**Date & Time:**

April 15, 2003, meet at 10:00 am left at 12:30 pm

**PURPOSE:**

Phase III Bond Release at Oil and Gas Wells, Plateau Mining Company, Star Point Mine.

**OBSERVATIONS:**

On April 15, 2003, the Division and the Permittee toured the bond release site. The site consisted of 11.77 acres of which 5.46 has been disturbed by coal mining activities. The site had been developed for natural gas production. The natural gas production facilities included two gas wells and a transmission line.

The area with the gas transmission line had been seeded. The pad areas for the gas well were in operating condition. Berms had been placed around the pads to minimize erosion and the out slopes had or would be seeded.

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**TECHNICAL FIELD VISIT**

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The main purpose of the field visit was to determine if the postmining land use had been achieved. The Division found that the site was developed for natural gas production. The site is permitted under the Division's oil and gas rules.

**RECOMMENDATIONS/CONCLUSIONS:**

The Division should approve bond release on the site because the postmining land use has been met.