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Dear Ms. Wright:

We concur that reclamation of the Corner and Mudwater Breakouts and the Vent hole on Gentry Mountain for the Plateau Mining Company Starpoint Mine has been completed satisfactorily, consistent with Phase I bond release criteria. Additionally, water-monitoring wells on Gentry Mountain have been plugged and reclaimed, however, these sites need to be monitored until re-vegetation has been determined to be in conformance with established ground cover standards.

As previously reported to your staff, several subsidence cracks within the Starpoint Mine Permit Area on Castle Valley Ridge pose a hazard to the public and wildlife. Reclamation of these cracks must be completed before we can concur with additional phases of bond release.

If you have any questions, please contact Tom Lloyd (435-636-3596) or Carter Reed (435-636-3547).

Sincerely,

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