

# TECHNICAL MEMORANDUM

## Utah Coal Regulatory Program

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TO: Internal File

THRU: D. Wayne Hedberg, Permit Supervisor

FROM: David Darby, Environmental Scientist III, Geohydrologist

RE: Star Point Mine, Confidential Information, Plateau Mining Corporation, Willow Creek Mine, C/007/0006, Task ID #2261

### **SUMMARY:**

On May 25, 2005 the Division received an amendment from Plateau Mining Corporation for the Star Point Mine. The amendment is intended to update the MRP by removing confidential information from the Mining and Reclamation Plan, (MRP) and incorporating it into a separate Confidential file in the Division's Public Information Center, (PIC). This action is to protect private information of individuals and protected natural resources. This memo will include a review of the applicant's proposed relocation of that information. Some deficiencies still exist that are listed below and must be corrected.

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**TECHNICAL ANALYSIS:**

**GENERAL CONTENTS**

**IDENTIFICATION OF INTERESTS**

Regulatory Reference: 30 CFR 773.22; 30 CFR 778.13; R645-301-112

**Analysis:**

A new copy of the Corporate Structure and Ownership and Control information was submitted. This information, previously located in Volume 1, Exhibit 112.300a of the MRP was removed. The new information has been placed in the Confidential Binder, Volume VII, now located in the Division's Confidential Section of the Public Information Center.

Personal information is still deficient as identified on Page 100-1 for Mr. Jack D. Bogdin. This page should be updated.

**Findings:**

The information provided is not complete requirements of this section. Page 100-1 needs to be updates as identified above or moved to the Confidential Binder.

**ENVIRONMENTAL RESOURCE INFORMATION**

Regulatory Reference: Pub. L 95-87 Sections 507(b), 508(a), and 516(b); 30 CFR 783., et. al.

**HISTORIC AND ARCHEOLOGICAL RESOURCE INFORMATION**

Regulatory Reference: 30 CFR 783.12; R645-301-411.

**Analysis:**

The cultural resource surveys previously located in Volume 2, Section 300, have been removed and placed in the Confidential Binder, Chapter VII, available in the Division's Confidential Section of the Public Information Center.

**Findings:**

The information provided is adequate to meet the requirements of this section of the regulations.

**FISH AND WILDLIFE RESOURCE INFORMATION**

Regulatory Reference: 30 CFR 784.21; R645-301-322.

**Analysis:**

Fish and Wildlife Information previously located in Volume 2, Section 300 of the MRP has been removed and placed in the Confidential Binder, Chapter VII, available in the Division's Confidential Binder of the Public Information Center.

A review of the Mine Plan found eagle nest locations plotted on subsidence Figures 525.120a and 525.120b. The figures should also be moved in the Confidential Binder so the nest locations are not disclosed to the public.

**Findings:**

The information provided is not adequate to meet the requirements of this section of the regulations. The amendment should include instructions to move these figures to the Confidential Binder.

**RECOMMENDATIONS:**

The amendment is not recommended for approval until the deficiencies mentioned above are addressed.