

TECHNICAL MEMORANDUM

Utah Coal Regulatory Program

September 14, 2009

TO: Internal File

FROM: David Darby, P.G., Environmental Scientist, III, Lead 

RE: Updated Officers and Directors, Star Point Mine, Plateau Mining Corporation, C/007/0006, Task ID #3403

SUMMARY:

Plateau Mining Company provided revisions of ownership and control information (Exhibit 112.300a of the MRP) on September 8, 2009.

An AVS was conducted on September 15, 2009. No anomalies were found for Ownership and Control.

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TECHNICAL ANALYSIS:

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Regulatory Reference: R645-301-100

Analysis:

In this amendment, Plateau Mining Corporation (PMC) meets the requirements of R645-301-111.100. PMC is the Applicant and Operator of the Star Point Mine, above Wattis, Utah. It is 100% owned by Alpha Natural Resources, Inc. Star Point Mine has received Phase II approval. The information shows a corporate structure diagram, name change of the parent company from Foundation Coal Holdings, Inc. to Alpha Natural Resources, Inc. as of July 31, 2009.

The submittal also identifies the standing officers, their title and date they assumed office for Plateau Mining Corporation (formerly Cyprus Plateau Mining Corporation, effective June 30, 1999), Alpha American Coal Company, LLC (formerly RAG American Coal Company, LLC) and Alpha American Coal Holding, LLC.

This amendment consists of basic updates to the Ownership and Control section of the Mining and Reclamation Plan, and does not require changes to the Technical Analysis. There is no confidential information in the submittal.

Findings:

The information provided meets the requirements of the Utah Coal Rules.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

The application is recommended for approval.