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John Borla
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Re: Temporary Abandonment of Portals Accessed in the Blackhawk Underground Mines for Exploration Project

Dear Mr. Borla:

On October 12, 1993, the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) received a written notice from Cyprus Plateau Mining Corporation (CPMC) to re-seal five portals which were opened for an exploration project in abandoned coal mines north of the town of Kenilworth, Utah. CPMC also submitted additional information regarding this project on October 27, 1993. Abandonment of these portals affects Federal coal leases SL-046652, SL-048442, U-0146345, and U-0148779. These leases are a part of the approved Blackhawk logical mining unit. Surface disturbance of roads and access to abandoned workings are on private and public lands controlled by the BLM.

A BLM engineer from the Price Resource Area Office conducted routine surface and underground inspections. CPMC was following the approved plan and did not mine coal or remove waste material in access of 250 tons. On July 15, 1993, CPMC submitted data obtained from exploration activities to the Price Coal Office. The BLM renewed right-of-way UTU-67445 for an additional five years. Mine Safety and Health Administration approved the sealing plan. Utah Division of Oil, Gas and Mining approved and extended the Blackhawk exploration permit, as amended, to November 30, 1993.

Therefore, CPMC should complete the project, including reclamation, according to the plans approved by Federal and state agencies. Any changes to the approved plans should be submitted to the BLM in a timely manner for review and approval. The BLM will continue to conduct periodic inspections at the site to assure compliance.

The BLM has determined that re-seal of the portals accessed in the Blackhawk abandoned underground coal mines for exploration are in compliance with the Mineral Leasing Act of 1920, as amended, the regulations at 43 CFR 3480, the lease terms and stipulations, and will not endanger maximum economic recovery of the Federal coal.

If you have any questions, please contact Abe Elias in the Resource Area Coal Office at 801-637-4584.

Sincerely,

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