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November 17, 1993

CERTIFIED RETURN RECEIPT REQUESTED  
No. P 540 713 990

Ben Grimes  
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Cyprus Plateau Mining  
P. O. Drawer PMC  
Price, Utah 84501

Re: Blackhawk Site Exploration Project, EXP/007/038, Cyprus Western Coal Company, Carbon County, Utah

Dear Mr. Grimes:

I am in receipt of your letter (fax) dated November 4, 1993, requesting an extension of the above-cited Exploration Permit. In your letter, you indicated an extension of the exploration phase of the project was needed to allow submission of a Mining and Reclamation Plan (MRP) in anticipation of commencement of underground mining activities in 1997. The Division of Oil, Gas and Mining (Division) agrees that final reclamation of these exploration disturbances is redundant given that your anticipated activity for the site, and given that:

1. Areas disturbed by Cyprus Western's (Cyprus) exploration activities have sediment control measures in place.
2. An NPDES permit is applicable to specified portions of the Blackhawk Exploration site.
3. Cyprus has committed to monitoring and to maintaining exploration-impacted areas and facilities until use of these areas is either incorporated into an approved MRP, or reclamation under the terms of the existing approved exploration permit is accomplished.



4. Portals opened to facilitate exploration activities will be temporarily sealed in November, 1993. These portals will remain sealed until an approved MRP allows that they be opened or unless unanticipated additional exploration access is needed. The Division must be notified of any portal openings that are anticipated after November 1993, and prior to MRP approval.
5. The Division will continue to hold the reclamation bond to ensure permanent sealing of the portals opened during exploration and achievement of other reclamation objectives cited in the exploration permit.
6. The Division will inspect exploration-impacted locations within the Blackhawk site against the terms of the exploration permit and the performance standards enumerated in R645-202-200. Frequency of inspections will be that dictated by R645-400-133.
7. Exploration-impacts of this project occurred on sites disturbed by pre-SMCRA mining activities that were never incorporated in an approved MRP under the Utah Coal Regulatory Program.
8. In the event that the anticipated Cyprus MRP submittal identifies exploration-related disturbances not needed to execute the MRP, these disturbances should be reclaimed to exploration performance standards in the earliest field season following that determination.
9. The Division has reviewed the BLM's letter of November 4 to John Borla consenting to Cyprus' October 12, 1993, portal sealing proposal.
10. Surface and ground water quality shall be protected by applying an interim seed mix to areas disturbed by exploration activities. Please coordinate approval for interim seed mix, application rates and timing of application with Paul Baker of DOGM, and the BLM.

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This letter establishes the terms for the Division's approval of your November 4, 1993, request subject to the BLM's consent to a hiatus in reclamation efforts. If you have questions regarding these terms, please discuss them with Daron Haddock or me.

Sincerely,



Lowell P. Braxton  
Associate Director

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Daron Haddock  
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