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Mr. Mark Bailey, Area Manager
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Re: Comments on Exploration Proposal, Dry and Alrad Canyon Exploration, Cyprus Plateau Mining Corporation, CEP/007/038-94B, Folder #2, Carbon County, Utah

Dear Mr. Bailey:

Enclosed please find Division comments relative to the proposed exploration for Dry and Alrad Canyon. If you have any questions, please call me or Daron Haddock.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read 'Pamela Grubaugh-Littig'.

Pamela Grubaugh-Littig
Permit Supervisor

Enclosure

cc: Daron Haddock
Ben Grimes

EXPLORATION COMMENTS

**Cyprus Plateau Mining Corporation
Dry and Alrad Canyon Exploration
CEP/007/038-94B**

August 3, 1994

SYNOPSIS

Cyprus Plateau Mining Corporation is proposing to drill exploration holes in Dry and Alrad Canyon both of which are on lands under BLM jurisdiction. They have also proposed to drill one hole in Panther Canyon which being on privately owned ground will fall under the jurisdiction of the Division of Oil, Gas and Mining ("Division"). The Division has reviewed both projects and offers the following comments to aid the BLM in rendering a decision on the proposed exploration under BLM jurisdiction.

COMMENTS

The application narrative does not indicate if the new Willow Creek crossing is being designed, permitted, and built as a permanent structure or if the area will be reclaimed after the exploration work is completed. It is recommended that the BLM receive clarification from Cyprus Plateau Mining as to whether the Willow Creek crossing is to be permanent or to be reclaimed, and if it is to be reclaimed what reclamation plan will be followed.

Cyprus Plateau did not propose any typical or specific designs for Alternate Sediment Control ("ASC") measures and did not describe where these measures would be used on the respective sites. The ASC are only to be used "if needed." Cyprus Plateau should explain what types of sediment control would be used and provide typical designs and locations for the sediment control. One recommendation for sediment control is to place the mud pits at the lowest possible point in the work site. The mud pits would then trap much of the runoff created on site.

The statement that topsoil will only be removed where required needs to be modified to indicate that topsoil will be separately removed, stored, and redistributed on areas disturbed by coal exploration activities as necessary to assure successful revegetation. The application should also contain a standard by which erosion control could be judged.

The Alrad Canyon site is within Andalex Resources Inc.'s permit area for the Centennial Mines. Although this is a project being done by Cyprus, it is activity within an existing permit area. Andalex needs to amend its Mining and Reclamation Plan to identify this proposed activity.

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RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the proposed exploration project be approved with the condition that the above items be adequately addressed.

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