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Mr James Carter, Director
Utah Department of Natural Resources
Division of Oil Gas and Mining
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Dear Mr. Carter,

We are in receipt of your letter to the United Mine Workers of America (UMWA) dated December 12 allowing additional time to submit supplemental information on the issues raised by the UMWA on the Willow Creek Permit Application.

While we are not in agreement with this decision, we respect your right to take this action. We reiterate our position that the UMWA had the opportunity to review the permit application during the public notice and comment periods of 30 days each and submitted questions but no protest to the application. Cyprus Plateau followed all required procedures in placing a copy of the permit application in the Carbon County Courthouse and the Division placed a copy in the Price Field Office for public review. There is no reason anyone can say they did not have the opportunity to inspect the application.

In your December 12 letter you stated clearly that only additional information on the issues raised in the UMWA November 10 letter will be considered in this extension. We agree that only those issues should be considered. We encourage you to not let this process get bogged down with issues that are adequately covered by the Mining and Reclamation Permit application as well as the other permits that are required to operate the mine. These permits include but are not limited to the Notice of Intent to Construct (Division of Air Quality), and sign off by the Utah State Preservation Office of cultural/historic protections.

Respectfully,

Ben Grimes
Sr. Staff Project Engineer

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