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Re: Request for Public Hearing, Cyprus Plateau Mining Corporation, Willow Creek Mine, PRO/007/038, Folder #3, Carbon County, Utah

Dear Mr. Stevenson:

I am in receipt of your November 10th letter to Daron Haddock requesting a public hearing to discuss the Willow Creek Mine permit application. The coal regulatory program rules don't provide for a public hearing on a pending application, but do provide an opportunity for interested parties to request an informal conference to provide input on the application, raise objections and provide other information to the Division. The purpose of the informal conference is not to answer questions about the application, but to take input on the application. The informal conference is open to the public, but comments and objections should be submitted by the United Mine Workers of America.

In accordance with your request, the Division will schedule an informal conference in Price, Utah at 2:30 pm on Wednesday the 6th of December to take your comments and objections to the Willow Creek permit application. We are in the process of securing a meeting room, but anticipate that the informal conference will be held at the College of Eastern Utah. Vicki Bailey of our office will be coordinating scheduling and will contact you when the conference location is confirmed.

Your letter also asks for information concerning the Willow Creek application. The complete permit application is on file at the Division's offices in Salt Lake City and a copy is also available for your review at the Division's Price field office located at: 451 East 400 North, Price, Utah. We would be pleased to assist you in reviewing the application and making copies. Before the informal conference you should review the permit application for a complete description of the cultural resource inventory, protection plans for the cemetery, dust control plan, surface and ground water monitoring plan, coal ownership, violation history, right of entry, and post-mining land use information. We will be interested in your comments, suggestions and

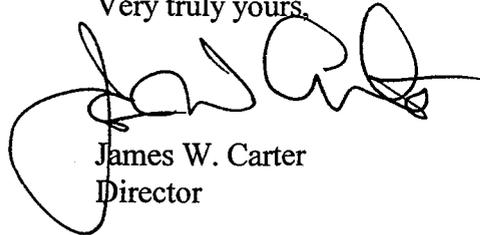


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concerns on all aspects of the application.

At the informal conference you should be prepared address how the issues you noted in your request letter make the United Mine Workers of America a party affected or likely to be affected by the permitting decision before the Division. Information received by the Division at the informal conference will be considered and will become part of the record of the Division's permitting decision. Thank you for your interest in this significant project.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'J. W. Carter', written over the typed name and title.

James W. Carter
Director

cc: B. Grimes, Cyprus Plateau
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