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September 1, 1995

Jim H. Stevenson, International Auditor
United Mine Workers of America
525 East 100 South
P.O. Box 783
Price, Utah 84501

Re: GRAMA (Government Records Access Management Act) Request, Willow Creek Mine, Cyprus Plateau Mining Corporation, Folder #2, Carbon County, Utah

Dear Mr. Stevenson:

Pursuant to your request, I am enclosing a deficiency letter dated June 6, 1995 from the Division to Cyprus Plateau Mining Corporation for the Willow Creek Mine. Deficiency item #10 identified that the application does not describe how or whether cultural resources will be protected. Additionally, the letter states that the permit application had not been determined "administratively complete", which is still true.

When the permit application is determined administratively complete, the Division will transmit the application to appropriate federal and state agencies, including the State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO) and the agencies will formally comment to the Division on the application. Also, at that time, the applicant will publish in the local newspaper (the Sun Advocate) notice of the proposed coal mining and reclamation operation at least once a week for four consecutive weeks. Within 30 days of the last newspaper publication, written comments or objections to the permit application may be submitted to the Division.

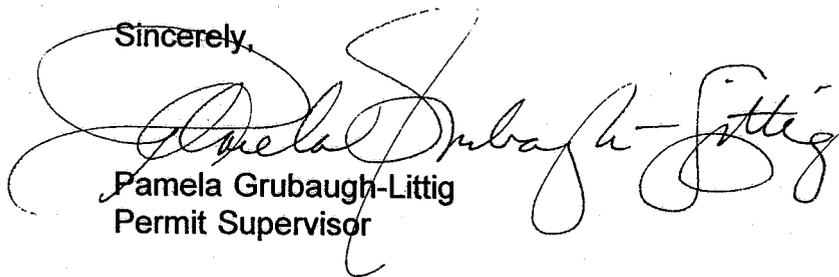
As per your request, you will be notified when the plan is determined administratively complete.



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If you have any questions, please call me or Daron Haddock.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Pamela Grubaugh-Littig". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned above the printed name and title.

Pamela Grubaugh-Littig
Permit Supervisor

Enclosure

cc: Daron Haddock
Toni Heldman



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June 6, 1995

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

Re: Administrative Completeness Review, Cyprus Plateau Mining Corporation, Willow Creek Mine, PRO/007/038, Folder #3, Carbon County, Utah

Dear Mr. Grimes:

We understand that scheduling for the proposed Willow Creek Mine is extremely important to Cyprus. We have met on this issue on a number of occasions and have agreed to keep you apprised of developments as they occur. In recent meetings we had mutually established a target date of June 5, 1995, for completing an Administrative Completeness Review (ACR) on the Willow Creek plan. This letter is to notify you that we have been unable to make a determination of administrative completeness on your application as of this date.

Items that have been identified thus far as missing or inadequate include the following:

1. Operational Hydrology information
2. PHC information
3. The application does not list officers and directors of Cyprus Amax Minerals Company or AMAX Energy Company.
4. Map 1, showing surface land ownership, conflicts in several ways with information in the text.
5. The right of entry information appears to have some mistakes. For example the surface lease for the preparation plant area is from AMAX Coal Company rather than Castle Gate Coal Company.

6. There is no Certificate of Insurance.
7. A revegetation plan with proposed standards for success is needed before determining the baseline information complete.
8. The application includes no revegetation plan (interim or final).
9. There is no postmining land use plan.
10. The application does not describe how or whether cultural resources will be protected. (Cultural resource information should be considered confidential and removed from public review copies).

We understand additional submittals are scheduled to be made later this week. We are continuing to review the application and have tentatively set June 16th as the next date to consider for the Administrative Completeness Determination. This of course depends on Cyprus correcting the identified deficiencies. If other issues are identified as we complete the review we will notify you as quickly as possible.

Thank you for your help during the permitting process. Please call if you have any questions.

Sincerely,



Daron R. Haddock
Permit Supervisor

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S. Johnson
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P. Grubaugh-Littig

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