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Mr. Paul B. Baker
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Re: Permitted activities authorized under the Willow Creek Mine Plan (ACT/007/038) for the Castle Gate Preparation Facility (ACT/007/004)

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Dear Mr. Baker:

As directed by Mr. Daron Haddock (Permitting Supervisor) on May 2, 1996, Cyprus Plateau Mining Corporation (CPMC) is submitting text and Map 18 for insertion into the Castle Gate Mine Plan ACT/007/004 as a minor modification. This is being done to remove any confusion that the Division may have with respect to what activities are authorized at the Preparation Plant following the approval of the Willow Creek Mine Plan ACT/007/038.

With the approval of the Willow Creek Mine, AMAX Coal Company's February 5, 1996, permit modification submittal can be withdrawn from Division review, because those activities requested are authorized under the Willow Creek Mine Plan.

Regarding the recovery of the soil resources at the preparation plant, CPMC is recovering more of the previously disturbed soils than initially agreed upon during the March 6, 1996, visit between DOGM's personnel Robert Davidson (Soils Reclamation Specialist), yourself, and AMAX's representative Johnny Pappas. As of May 3, approximately 320 cubic yards of the previously disturbed soils have been recovered and placed on the soil stockpile at Willow Creek.

CPMC is submitting 5 copies of the modification and should the Division have any questions or need additional information, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

Handwritten signature of Johnny Pappas in cursive.

Johnny Pappas
Environmental Engineer

Enclosures

cc: Pete Hess - DOGM (w/enclosure)