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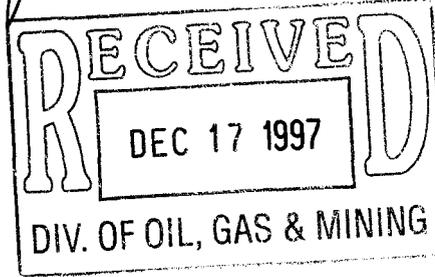


**CYPRUS PLATEAU
MINING CORPORATION**
A Cyprus Amax Company

*Called Ben 4/17/97
requesting C1/C2 forms.*

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December 15, 1997

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Dear Ms Falvey,

RE: NOV97-46-5-1 RESPONSE TO PHONE COMMENTS OF 12/9/97 ON 11/14/97
SUBMITTAL

*ACT/007/038 #5
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Copy Sharon*

This letter responds to your telephoned comments on the November 14 submittal. I will address each of your comments by date or page number in the order you gave them to me:

July 2

The injection new wells installed by Cyprus have been designated B311A and B311B in the text and on the figures.

July 5

The pumping rate of 750 GPM has been added to page 3.

The volume of water trucked has been added to page 3; the volume was indicated in the Summary on page 4.

July 8

The source of the inflow water was old exploration hole MC090. This hole location is shown on Figures 1-4.

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The TDS limit in our NPDES permit is 1 ton per day; this value and the average TDS of the samples of discharge water have been added to page 4.

The old in-mine exploration hole mentioned in the text is CG054; the location of this hole has been added to Figure 2.

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The location where Cyprus personnel observed no water is shown on Figure 3, and a reference to Figure 3 has been added to page 6. This location is where the old workings were sealed many years ago. Access beyond this location was not possible by Cyprus personnel.

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The location of sample #8 Shaft Bottom has been added to Figure 2.

Group D, sample number 13 is the coal preparation plant injection well system water recovery well. The location of the well is shown on Figures 1-4.

Group D, sample number MC206 is a water well developed by previous owners in Bear Canyon as shown on new Figure 7. We sampled water from this well in an attempt to see if we could compare the quality and water depth with the other existing wells and future monitoring wells. As stated in the text, the quality of this water is suspect because of the presence of squirrel fur in the water sample.

Sample number 11, Willow Creek was taken on the same day as some of the in-mine sampling by Dr. Mayo in an attempt to compare it with the in-mine samples. A brief comparison of the quality indicates there is no significant difference from the statistical averages as shown in the 1996 annual report.

One copy of the revised text and Figures 1-4 & new Figure 7 are included in this submittal. Please put Figures 5 & 6, the cross sections and water quality data sheets with the new revised text and figures included in this submittal. When the Division is satisfied with the responses we will provide additional copies. Please let us know how many copies are needed.

Respectfully,



Ben Grimes
Sr. Staff Project Engineer

Enclosures

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