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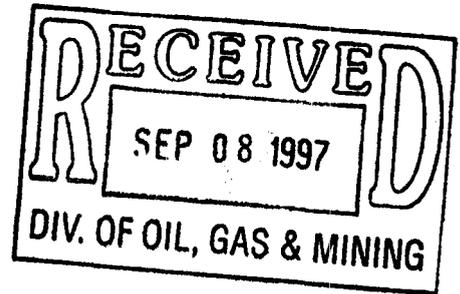
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IN REPLY REFER TO:

September 4, 1997

UT-0071

Mr. Ben Grimes, Sr.
Staff Project Engineer, Willow Creek Mine
Cyprus Plateau Mining Corporation
PO Drawer PMC
Price, UT 84501



Dear Mr. Grimes:

On September 3, 1997, the Department of the Interior approved the mining plan for Federal leases UTU-73975, SL-046652, SL-048442-050115, U-0146345, and U-0148779 at Cyprus Plateau Mining Corporation's Willow Creek Mine.

I have enclosed a copy of the mining plan approval document for these mining plan actions. Please read the terms and conditions of the mining plan approval document carefully. Mining and reclamation operations must be conducted in accordance with both the Utah state permit and the approved mining plan.

This approval allows you to mine 66.13 metric (72.91 short) million tons of leased Federal coal from 2,941 hectares (7,263 acres) in Federal leases UTU-73975, SL-046652, SL-048442-050115, U-0146345, and U-0148779.

If you have any questions, please contact me at (303) 844-1489.

Sincerely,

Ranvir Singh
Ranvir Singh, P.E.
Federal Lands Team
Program Support Division

Enclosure

cc: BLM Moab District, Price River/San Rafael Resource Area
✓ Utah Division of Oil, Gas and Mining
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