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December 17, 1997

Ben Grimes, Senior Environmental Engineer  
Cyprus AMAX Coal Company  
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Price, Utah 84501

Re: Minor Coal Exploration, Skinny Canyon, Cyprus Plateau Mining Company, Willow Creek Mine, ACT/007/038-97L, File #2, Carbon County, Utah

Dear Mr. Grimes:

The referenced exploration proposal which will provide crucial information for your mine layout, is hereby approved effective December 17, 1997. A stamped approved incorporated copy will be mailed from our Price Field Office for either attachment or insertion into your Mining and Reclamation Plan.

If you have any questions, please call.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Joseph C. Helfrich".

Joseph C. Helfrich  
Permit Supervisor

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Enclosure

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