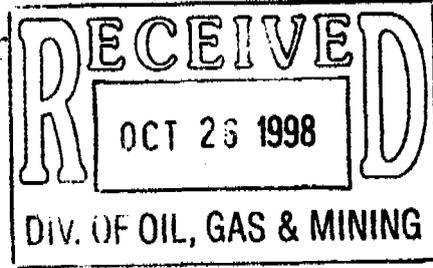


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Mr. Lowell Braxton, Director
Utah Division of Oil, Gas and Mining
P.O. Box 145801
Salt Lake City, Utah 84114-5801

Dear Mr. Braxton:

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Enclosed, for your information, is a copy of a modification to Federal coal lease UTU-73975 submitted by the lessee, Cyprus Plateau Mining Corporation, on October 14, 1998. The modification includes the following lands:

T. 12 S., R. 10 E., SLM, UT
Sec. 19, S2SE, S2N2SE, SESESW;
Sec. 20, SWSWSW.

140.00 acres

Carbon County

Sincerely,

Douglas M. Koza
Deputy State Director,
Natural Resources

Enclosure

Modification Application For Lease UTU-73975 (2pp)



**CYPRUS AMAX
MINERALS COMPANY**

Cyprus Amax Minerals Company
9100 East Mineral Circle
Post Office Box 3299
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October 12, 1998

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RE: Request for Modification of U.S. Coal Lease UTU-73975

Gentlemen:

This letter is being submitted as a formal request for lease modification pursuant to the requirements set forth in 43 CFR §3432. The request for lease modification is from Cyprus Plateau Mining Corporation ("Cyprus"), the current lessee under U.S. Coal Lease UTU-73975. I hereby certify that Cyprus Plateau Mining Corporation is the sole party in interest in the lease as required by 43 CFR §3472.2-1.

The acreage Cyprus requests to be added to UTU-73975 is as follows:

Township 12 South, Range 10 East, S.L.M.

Section 19: S ½ SE ¼ (80 acres), S ½ N ½ SE ¼ (40 acres), SE ¼ SE ¼ SW ¼ (10 acres)

Section 20: SW ¼ SW ¼ SW ¼ (10 acres)

Containing 140 acres, more or less

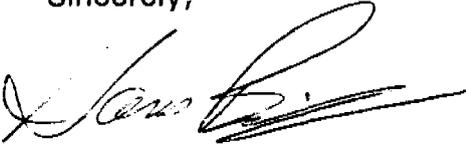
These additional lands are required so that Cyprus can develop and mine up to two additional panels at its Willow Creek Mine in Carbon County, Utah. By developing and mining the additional panels, the United States would realize additional rentals from the increased acreage and royalties from production from the Willow Creek Mine.

Enclosed with this letter is Cyprus' check in the amount of \$250.00 to cover the required filing fee associated with this request for lease modification.

Please acknowledge receipt of this letter and Cyprus' check by dating and signing where indicated below and returning one copy of this letter to the attention of the undersigned at the letterhead address.

Should you have any questions concerning this matter, please do not hesitate to contact L.T. Gaskins, Senior Land Administrator for Cyprus, at 303/643-5087 or me at 303/643-5207.

Sincerely,



Hans Bihr
Division Landman

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L.T. Gaskins, 258S
T. Hurst, Willow Creek Mine
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RECEIVED AND ACKNOWLEDGED this _____ day of _____, 1998.

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