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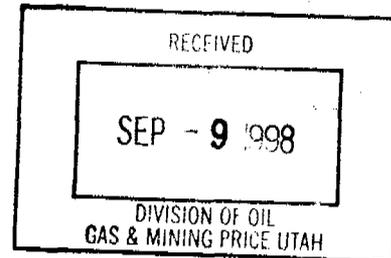
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Re: Permit Modification to Install Culverts and Provide As-Built for Thickener Pond,
Cyprus Plateau Mining Corporation, Willow Creek Mine, ACT/007/038, Carbon County,
Utah

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Dear Ms. Grubaugh-Littig:

Cyprus Plateau Mining Corporation (CPMC) is herewith submitting a permit modification to install a culvert in barn canyon for access to the clean coal stockpile and provide as-built and operational conditions for the preparation plant thickener pond.

The culvert is necessary to provide a more expedient access to the clean coal stockpile and reduce the impact caused by the heavy equipment traveling along primary road no. 4. This roadway provides emergency access for PRWID, Utah Power, and Cyprus in the event that one of the two railroad crossings is blocked and emergency measures need to be performed.

The thickener pond has been surveyed and an operational condition has been proposed, whereby at any given time there will be adequate storage within the pond to contain the entire contents of the thickener tank.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me at (435) 472-4741.

Sincerely,

Johnny Pappas
Sr. Environmental Engineer

Enclosure

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