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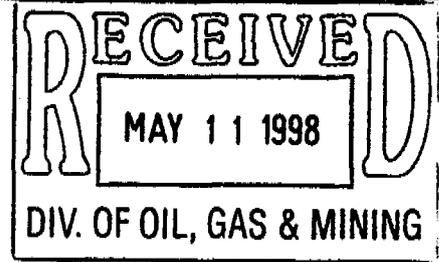


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May 8, 1998

Ms. Pamela Grubaugh-Littig
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Re: First Quarter 1998 Refuse Pile Certification, Willow Creek Mine, ACT/007/038

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Dear Ms. Grubaugh-Littig:

Enclosed is a copy of the aforementioned.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Johnny Pappas".

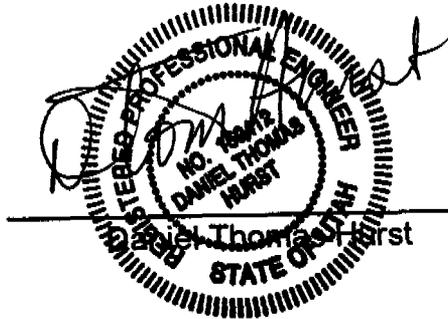
Johnny Pappas
Sr. Environmental Engineer

Enclosure

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**Cyprus Plateau Mining Corporation
Quarterly Refuse Pile Certification
First Quarter 1998**

I hereby certify that I am a registered professional engineer in the State of Utah. I certify that I have made an inspection of the coal processing refuse pile at Cyprus Plateau Mining Corporations' Willow Creek Mine in Carbon County Utah. The refuse pile has been constructed and maintained as designed. There are no apparent areas of instability, structural weakness or other hazardous conditions. The piezometer monitoring wells are dry.



Date: 3/31/98