

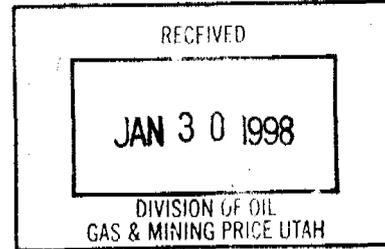


**CYPRUS PLATEAU
MINING CORPORATION**
A Cyprus Amax Company

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January 29, 1998

Ms. Pamela Grubaugh-Littig
Utah Division of Oil, Gas and Mining
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Re: Degassification Well Deficiency Response, Cyprus Plateau Mining Corporation, Willow Creek Mine, ACT/007/038-97K, File #2, Carbon County, Utah

ACT/007/038 #2
97K-2
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Dear Ms. Grubaugh-Littig:

Regarding the aforementioned, it is in response to the Division's December 19, 1997, letter. The enclosed has addressed each deficiency listed in the letter.

Please refer to the C1 and C2 forms for revised permit pages and maps. For each text page that required a revision, a copy of the page is included with redline and strikeout for your review, in addition, a copy of each page without redline and strikeout is included for direct insertion into the permit. Where additional text shifted onto a new page, a new page has been added with a lower case number (e.g. 4.2-3a); the new page should be inserted after the page with revised text, in the case of the example, after page 4.2.3. Page 5.4-2 has been included as revised because additional text on page 5.4-1 shifted text to it, and there is not redline strikeout version since there is no revised or added text. Regarding page 4.2-3, it does not change because text was modified during July 1996, under modification ACT/007/038-96C. Page 5.4-14 regarding language on erosional features has been placed back on to page following its unintentional removal.

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

Sincerely,

Johnny Pappas
Sr. Environmental Engineer

APPLICATION FOR PERMIT PROCESSING

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Permit Change	<input type="checkbox"/> New Permit	<input type="checkbox"/> Renewal	<input type="checkbox"/> Transfer	<input type="checkbox"/> Exploration	<input type="checkbox"/> Bond Release	Permit Number: ACT/007/038
Title of Proposal: Addition of two methane degassification wells and mine layout revision.						Mine: WILLOW CREEK
						Permittee: CYPRUS PLATEAU

Description, include reason for application and timing required to implement: Two methane degassification wells are needed in the longwall gob to help prevent possible dangerous accumulations of methane, and impacts to safety or mine employees.

Instructions: If you answer yes to any of the first 8 questions (gray), submit the application to the Salt Lake Office. Otherwise, you may submit it to an inspector.

<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	1. Change in the size of the Permit Area? _____ acres Disturbed Area? <u>0.8</u> acres <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> increase <input type="checkbox"/> decrease.
<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	2. Is the application submitted as a result of a Division Order? DO # _____
<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	3. Does application include operations outside a previously identified Cumulative Hydrologic Impact Area?
<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	4. Does application include operations in hydrologic basins other than as currently approved?
<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	5. Does application result from cancellation, reduction or increase of insurance or reclamation bond?
<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	6. Does the application require or include public notice/publication?
<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	7. Does the application require or include ownership, control, right-of-entry, or compliance information?
<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	8. Is proposed activity within 100 feet of a public road or cemetery or 300 feet of an occupied dwelling?
<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	9. Is the application submitted as a result of a Violation? NOV # _____
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No	10. Is the application submitted as a result of other laws or regulations or policies? Explain: <i>MSHA concerns</i>
<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	11. Does the application affect the surface landowner or change the post mining land use?
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No	12. Does the application require or include underground design or mine sequence and timing? (Modification of R2P2? <i>No</i>)
<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	13. Does the application require or include collection and reporting of any baseline information?
<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	14. Could the application have any effect on wildlife or vegetation outside the current disturbed area?
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No	15. Does application require or include soil removal, storage or placement?
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No	16. Does the application require or include vegetation monitoring, removal or revegetation activities?
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No	17. Does the application require or include construction, modification, or removal of surface facilities?
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No	18. Does the application require or include water monitoring, sediment or drainage control measures?
<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	19. Does the application require or include certified designs, maps, or calculations?
<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	20. Does the application require or include subsidence control or monitoring? <i>No change to monitoring plan - same</i>
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No	21. Have reclamation costs for bonding been provided for?
<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	22. Does application involve a perennial stream, a stream buffer zone or discharges to a stream?
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No	23. Does the application affect permits issued by other agencies or permits issued to other entities? <i>BLM exploration</i>

Attach 5 complete copies of the application.

I hereby certify that I am a responsible official of the applicant and that the information contained in this application is true and correct to the best of my information and belief in all respects with the laws of Utah in reference to commitments, undertakings, and obligations, herein. (R645-301-123)

John Pappas - Sr. Envir. Engineer 1/29/98
 Signed - Name - Position - Date

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 29 day of JAN, 19 98

Jackie D Bogdin
 Notary Public



Notary Public
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 March 15, 2001
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Application for Permit Processing Detailed Schedule of Changes to the MRP

Title of Application:	Permit Number: ACT/007/038
Addition of two methane degassification wells and mine layout revision.	Mine: WILLOW CREEK
	Permittee: CYPRUS PLATEAU

Provide a detailed listing of all changes to the mining and reclamation plan which will be required as a result of this proposed permit application. Individually list all maps and drawings which are to be added, replaced, or removed from the plan. Include changes of the table of contents, section of the plan, pages, or other information as needed to specifically locate, identify and revise the existing mining and reclamation plan. **Include page, section and drawing numbers as part of the description.**

			DESCRIPTION OF MAP, TEXT, OR MATERIALS TO BE CHANGED
<input type="checkbox"/> ADD	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> REPLACE	<input type="checkbox"/> REMOVE	List of Figures, page LOF-ii in Volumes 1, 2, & 3
<input type="checkbox"/> ADD	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> REPLACE	<input type="checkbox"/> REMOVE	List of Maps, page LOM-ii in Volumes 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, & 7
<input type="checkbox"/> ADD	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> REPLACE	<input type="checkbox"/> REMOVE	Map 19A in Volume 6
<input type="checkbox"/> ADD	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> REPLACE	<input type="checkbox"/> REMOVE	Page 4.2-3a in Section 4.2, Volume 3
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<input type="checkbox"/> ADD	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> REPLACE	<input type="checkbox"/> REMOVE	Page 5.4-11 in Section 5.4, Volume 3
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<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ADD	<input type="checkbox"/> REPLACE	<input type="checkbox"/> REMOVE	Map 30 to Volume 7
<input type="checkbox"/> ADD	<input type="checkbox"/> REPLACE	<input type="checkbox"/> REMOVE	

Any other specific or special instructions required for insertion of this proposal into the Mining and Reclamation Plan?

Where text has been revised, two copies of the revised pages are attached, one copy shows the revisions in redline/strikeout, and the second copy is revised for direct insertion into the MRP without redline/strikeout. In some cases, the addition of text shifts text to the next page of MRP text, in this case the page is given a number such as 4.5-23a and the text does not change. In this case simply insert the new page of text after the page 4.5-23.