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Ms. Pamela Grubaugh-Littig
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Re: Thickener Pond Redesign at Preparaton Plant, Cyprus Plateau Mining Corporation,
Willow Creek Mine, ACT/007/038-97J, File #2, Carbon County, Utah

Dear Ms. Grubaugh-Littig:

Cyprus Plateau Mining Corporation (CPMC) is herewith withdrawing the aforementioned permit amendment for approval by the Division. With the hardships encountered at the Willow Creek Mine, CPMC is unable to finalize the design and subsequent construction of the thickener overflow and clearwater return ponds. CPMC will continue to use the existing approved thickener pond.

Conditions underground has forced CPMC to reevaluate every penny and reduce costs wherever possible. Since the thickener pond redesign is not mandatory, required by DOGM and the Division of Water Quality, it has been removed from the 1998 budget. This is not to say that, when we have had time to evaluate the approved thickener pond, CPMC will never propose a modification to the approved thickener pond, but if it does it may not be to the engineering level as that the Division has reviewed.

CPMC regrets any inconvenience the Division incurred during their initial review of this permit amendment. We know the Division is very busy and can not afford the time to spend on reviewing amendment packages that are not carried through fruition.

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

Sincerely,

Johnny Pappas
Sr. Environmental Engineer

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