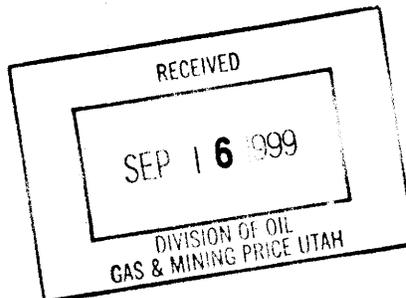


**PLATEAU  
MINING  
CORPORATION**

Willow Creek Mine  
847 NW Hwy 191  
Helper, Utah 84526  
(435) 472-0475  
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September 13, 1999

Pete Hess  
Utah Division of Oil, Gas and Mining  
451 East 400 North  
CEU Box 169  
Price, Utah 84501



RE: Notice of Intent to Conduct Minor Coal Exploration, Exploration Permit Application, ACT/007/038, Plateau Mining Corporation, Willow Creek Mine, Carbon County, Utah

Dear Mr. Hess:

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ACT/007/038 #2

Plateau Mining Corporation (PMC) intends on drilling an exploration hole P-E14 during early to mid October upon Division approval. The intent of this exploration hole is to better identify the coal resources within the region. The drill hole will be an angle hole.

The area where the drill hole is planned is also addressed in PMC's recent Environmental Assessment (EA) performed under the direction of the Bureau of Land Management's (BLM). The BLM required an EA to be performed on its proposed drilling program to identify any impacts associated with PMC's proposed action. The BLM's EA has been completed and approved whereby work can commence on lands administered by the BLM. The proposed drill hole P-E14, addressed in the enclosed NOI, was included in the area covered by the EA.

The access road and drill site is located on lands controlled by Dennis Bettino et. al. and the Melvin Frandsen Trust. PMC has surface use and easement agreements in-place (Frandsen) and awaiting final signature (Bettino) with the land owners whereby road and pad construction can be performed. The access road to P-E14 will also be used for access to P-E15, located on BLM land and also addressed in the EA.

The enclosed Notice of Intent to Conduct Minor Coal Exploration should address all regulatory requirements pursuant to its intended purpose, but should the Division need additional information or have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me at (435) 472-4741. Additionally, if the PFO wants a copy of the BLM's EA, please let me know and I will hand deliver a copy for your file.

Sincerely,

Johnny Pappas  
Sr. Environmental Engineer

Enclosures

# APPLICATION FOR PERMIT PROCESSING

<input type="checkbox"/> Permit Change	<input type="checkbox"/> New Permit	<input type="checkbox"/> Renewal	<input type="checkbox"/> Transfer	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Exploration	<input type="checkbox"/> Bond Release	Permit Number: ACT/007/038
Title of Proposal: Mining of Schoolhouse Canyon Refuse Pile to Recover Btu Resources						Mine: Willow Creek Mine
						Permittee: Plateau Mining Corp.

Description, include reason for application and timing required to implement:  
 To allow mining of refuse pile at the Willow Creek Mine

**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 your reclamation specialist.

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Yes | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No | 1. Change in the size of the Permit Area? _____ acres Disturbed Area? _____ acres <input 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 type="checkbox"/> Yes | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No | 10. Is the application submitted as a result of other laws or regulations or policies? Explain: _____  |
| <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 type="checkbox"/> Yes | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No | 12. Does the application require or include underground design or mine sequence and timing? (Modification of R2P2?)                                    |
| <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 type="checkbox"/> Yes | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No | 15. Does application require or include soil removal, storage or placement?  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Yes | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No | 16. Does the application require or include vegetation monitoring, removal or revegetation activities?   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Yes | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No | 17. Does the application require or include construction, modification, or removal of surface facilities?  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Yes | <input checked="" 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?  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Yes | <input checked="" 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 type="checkbox"/> Yes | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No | 23. Does the application affect permits issued by other agencies or permits issued to other entities?  |

Attach 3 complete copies of the application. 2 copies to Salt Lake Office and 1 copy to Price Field Office

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. Env. Engineer - 9/13/99*  
 Signed - Name - Position - Date

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 13 day of Sept, 19 99

*Jackie D. Bordin*  
 Notary Public

My Commission Expires: 3-15-2001

Attest: STATE OF UT COUNTY OF CARBON

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