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December 20, 1999

Johnny Pappas, Sr. Environmental Engineer
Plateau Mining Corporation
847 Northwest Highway 191
Helper, Utah 84526

Re: Reclaim Feeder at SC-11, Plateau Mining Corporation, Willow Creek Mine,
ACT/007/038-AM99G, Folder #3, Carbon County, Utah

Dear Mr. Pappas:

The permit change for the Reclaim Feeder at SC -11 is approved (see attached TA.)
Clean copies are due to the Division by January 11, 1999.

If you have any questions, please call me.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Pamela Grubaugh-Littig".

Pamela Grubaugh-Littig
Permit Supervisor

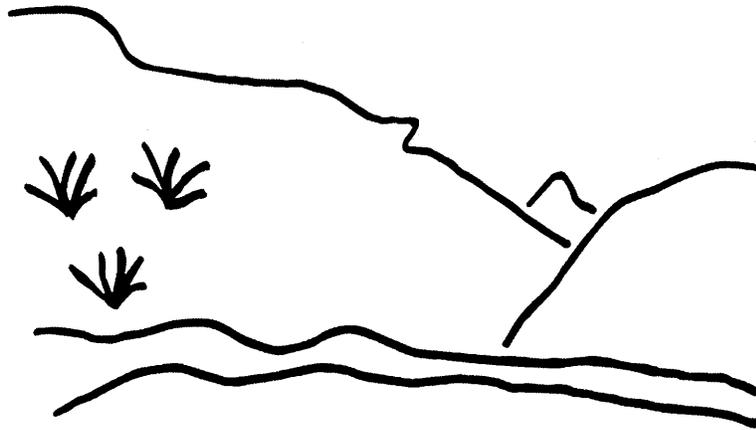
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cc: Price Field Office

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Utah Oil Gas and Mining

Coal Regulatory Program

Reclaim Feeder at SC-11
ACT/007/038-99G
Technical Analysis
December 22, 1999

OPERATION PLAN

ENGINEERING INTRODUCTION

Regulatory Reference: R645-301-510.

Analysis:

Activities Associated with Coal Mining

The installation of the first reclaim feeder/stub conveyor at conveyor SC-7 (permitted through ACT/007/038-99E) was to enhance the ash fusion temperature specification requirement. The permittee is requesting the addition of a second reclaim feeder/stub conveyor at surface conveyor SC-11 as different coal contracts have different ash fusion temperature requirements, (i.e., IPA coal shipments require more added BTU resource material than do export shipments). Plateau Mining will be able to custom blend coal shipments relative to ash fusion requirements, which is a positive selling point in coal sale's negotiations. As was discussed in 99E, the recovered BTU resource material recovered from School House Canyon also enhances the recovery of the coal resource and adds life to the use of the refuse disposal facility.

The application submits a red line version of page 4.5-67 (Volume 3 of Operating Plans and Design Criteria) discussing the addition of the second reclaim feeder/stub conveyor. A stockpile of recovered BTU resource material will be stored in the same fashion as coal and will be made in the clean coal stockpile area in close proximity to the hopper of this proposed reclaim feeder. All runoff from the area reports to pond 011A.

Findings:

The revised page 4.5-67 adequately addresses the requirement of the aforementioned R645 rule.

MAPS, PLANS, AND CROSS SECTIONS OF MINING OPERATIONS

Regulatory Reference: 30 CFR Sec. 784.23; R645-301-512, -301-521, -301-542, -301-632, -301-731, -302-323.

Analysis:

Coal Storage and Loading Areas

Proposal ACT/007/038-99G includes revised Map 18B, Willow Creek Mine Surface Facilities Map which shows two locations designated as **103, Coal Reclaim Feeder**. The first location was permitted under ACT/007/038-99E on surface conveyor SC-7. The second (which is being permitted through this amendment) is shown 130 feet NW of the clean coal stacking tube/stockpile. The revised

ADMINISTRATIVE FINDINGS

Map 18B received a new P.E. certification on December 3, 1999 from Richard B. White of EarthFax Engineering, Inc.

Findings:

The revised Map 18B, Willow Creek Mine Surface Facilities adequately addresses the requirements of R645-301-512.120 and 301-521.164.

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