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March 6, 2000

Mr. Pete Hess
Utah Division of Oil, Gas and Mining
c/o College of Eastern Utah
451 East 400 North, Box 156
Price, Utah 84501

Re: Permit Amendment, Installation of a 10,000 gallon Storage Tank, Plateau Mining Corporation, Willow Creek Mine, ACT/007/038, Carbon County, Utah

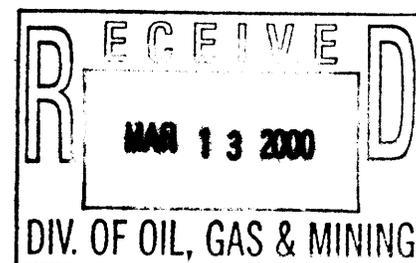
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Dear Mr. Hess:

Plateau Mining Corporation (PMC) is submitting this permit amendment for the addition of a 10,000 gallon storage tank. The storage tank will contain a wetting agent used primarily for dust control in the mine and for possible use on the surface. Presently, PMC has been watering its in-mine roadways and occasionally using calcium chloride pellets to control dust emissions.

In an effort to better control roadway dust emissions, PMC plans on using a diluted wetting agent, such as magnesium chloride or equivalent. Therefore, the storage tank will contain magnesium chloride or equivalent type solution. Since the wetting solution is not an oil product, it does not fall under the purview of the Spill Prevention Control and Countermeasures (SPCC) Plan requirements. However, due to the nature of SMCRA, any release from the tank will be controlled and diverted to Sediment Pond 001, thereby preventing any discharge to Willow Creek.

Furthermore, as a best management practice (BMP) and for tank protection, PMC intends on erecting a secondary containment structure around the 10,000 gallon tank. The containment surrounding the tank may or may not adequately contain 100% of the tanks volume. The tank will be located adjacent to the mine portal as denoted by No. 69 on Map 18B (Surface Facilities Map). The only change to the permit will the addition of this tank to the map. The No. 69 is used to denote miscellaneous structures - fuel tanks, antifreeze tanks, sheds, etc., and is shown in the text as such.



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

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Johnny Pappas".

Johnny Pappas
Sr. Environmental Engineer

Enclosures

File: Wetting Agent Tank
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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: Installation of a storage tank to contain wetting agent. Modification to Surface						Mine: Willow Creek Mine
Facilities Map 18B						Permittee: Plateau Mining Corporation

Description, include reason for application and timing required to implement: **Wetting agent for use to control dust emissions on in-mine roadways**

Instructions: If you answer yes to any of the first 8 questions (gray), this may be a Significant Revision and require Public Notice. Any questions, please call a Permit Supervisor.

<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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input 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.

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.

John Papp - Johnny Papp - Sr. Env. Eng. - 3/6/00
Signed - Name - Position - Date

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 6 day of May, 2000.

Jackie O. Boodin
Notary Public

My Commission Expires 3-15, 2001
Attest: STATE OF UTAH COUNTY OF CARBON

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