

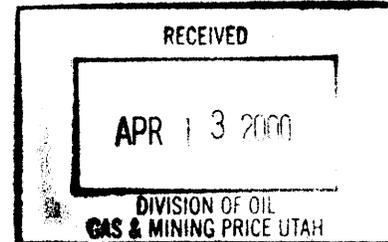
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March 31, 2000

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RE: Slope Stability Report and Coal Waste Delineation for Pond 001, Plateau Mining Corporation, Willow Creek Mine, ACT/007/038-98G, Folder #3, Carbon County, Utah
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Dear Ms. Littig:

Incoming

Plateau Mining Corporation (PMC) is herewith submitting the aforementioned. PMC identified the presence of coal waste within the Pond 001 embankment during the installation of a new primary spillway. As a result of this, PMC submitted a modification to its permit to raise the embankment and remove the coal waste immediately beneath and adjacent to the emergency spillway and replace it with clean fill material.

Additionally, PMC was to identify the vertical and lateral extent of the coal waste and determine if the pond can be safely operated. The identification of the coal waste and requisite stability analyses were performed and attached for Division approval. Based on the stability analyses, Pond 001 can be safely operated as is, thereby not requiring any further coal waste removal.

Ms. Sharon Falvey has been very helpful and provided invaluable guidance to PMC during this permitting action. PMC believes that the Division will find the information provided adequate to address the embankment deficiencies identified in the December 15, 1999, As-Builts Conditional Approval Technical Analysis.

If you have any questions or need additional information, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

Johnny Pappas
Sr. Environmental Engineer

Enclosures

File: As-Bilts-Pond001
Chrono: JP000309.ltr

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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: Willow Creek Mine As-Built, ACT/007/038-98G, Sediment Pond 001						Mine: Willow Creek Mine
stability analysis and coal waste delineation,						Permittee: Plateau Mining Corp.

Description, include reason for application and timing required to implement:

Submission of embankment deficiencies, December 15, 1999, Division TA and letter.

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.

<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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input 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. (R645-301-123)

J. Pappas - Sr. Env. Engineer - 3/31/00
Signed Name - Position - Date

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 31 day of Mar, 2000

Jackie D. Bogdin
Notary Public

My Commission Expires 03-15-2001
Attest: STATE OF UT COUNTY OF CARBON

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ASSIGNED TRACKING NUMBER

Application for Permit Change Detailed Schedule of Changes to the Permit

Title of Change: Willow Creek Mine As-Built, ACT/007/038-98G, Sediment Pond 001 rise of Embankment.

Permit Number: ACT/007/038

Stability analysis, coal waste delineation, and action plan forthcoming.

Mine: Willow Creek Mine

Permittee: Plateau Mining Corp.

Provide a detailed listing of all changes to the mining and reclamation plan which will be required as a result of this proposed permit change. 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 exiting 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> ADD	<input type="checkbox"/> REPLACE	<input type="checkbox"/> REMOVE	Exhibit 11, POND 001 EMBANKMENT REPORT, including slope stability analysis (Appendix A), and Plate 1, add to the back of the existing data in the exhibit.
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Any other specific or special instructions required for insertion of this proposal into the Mining and Reclamation Plan?

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