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

Re: Deficiency in Sedimentation Pond 001 As-Builts, Plateau Mining Corporation, Willow Creek Mine, ACT/007/038-AM00A1, Outgoing File

Dear Mr. Pappas:

The above-referenced amendment has been reviewed including the additional information provided in your June 23, 2000 response. The information that was provided adequately addresses the stability concerns for pond 001, however we are unable to approve the amendment since one deficiency still remains within the current reclamation plan as it relates to the final disposition of the coal mine waste material within the 001A embankment. It is unclear whether or not the coal refuse in the pond embankment will be adequately covered at the time of reclamation and the plan needs to be clarified in this regard. A copy of our technical analysis is enclosed for your information.

The Division is very interested in working with Plateau Mining Corporation relevant to the revision of the current reclamation plan for the pond 001A area. Please provide a response to the identified deficiency by no later than October 5, 2000.

If you have any questions, please feel free to call me at (801) 538-5325.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Daron R. Haddock".

Daron R. Haddock  
Permit Supervisor

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Enclosure  
cc: Price Field Office  
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