

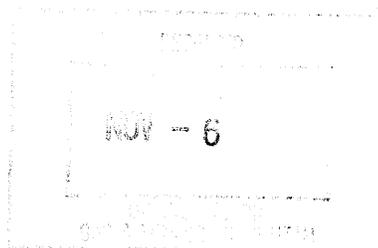
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Re: Fan Shaft Sealing, Plateau Mining Corporation, Willow Creek Mine, C/007/038, Carbon County, Utah

Dear Mr. Hess:

Plateau Mining Corporation (PMC) anticipates the sealing of the Willow Creek Mine fan shaft sometime during the first two weeks of November 2002. As authorized by permit and in accordance with MSHA 30 CFR Part 75.1711-1, PMC proposes to backfill the shaft for its entire 115 foot depth.

The material to be used to backfill the shaft will be the screened rock material generated during the BTU resource recovery operation. The use of screened waste rock for underground projects was approved by MSHA on February 23, 2000. The Division also approved the use of the material for underground use on May 24, 2000 (see Technical Analysis, ACT/007/038-AM00D).

Since complete backfilling is preferred over capping, PMC is herewith notifying the Division that the fan shaft at Willow Creek will be backfilled for its entire depth instead of capped/plugged with steel and reinforced concrete.

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

Sincerely,

Johnny Pappas
Sr. Environmental Engineer