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April 25, 2003

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Re: Discontinuance of Subsidence Monitoring at the Willow Creek Mine, Plateau Mining Corporation, Willow Creek Mine, C/007/038, Carbon County, Utah

Dear Mr. Haddock:

Plateau Mining Corporation (PMC) is submitting an application to discontinue subsidence monitoring at its Willow Creek Mine. Due to the unfortunate cessation of mining, the extraction of coal never created the void space whereby subsidence could occur. Subsidence monitoring in accordance with the approved plan shows that subsidence never materially occurred and that further monitoring is unwarranted.

PMC reduced its water monitoring requirements subsequent to a permit change that was approved on January 22, 2003. In this amendment (Exhibit 10), the Permittee demonstrated that mining had no significant impact to the hydrologic resources. Part of this demonstration involved the analysis of the subsidence data gathered over the years, which showed that subsidence never materialized and no significant impacts occurred to the hydrologic resources due to subsidence caused by mining.

The attached permit change presents the subsidence data gathered through 2002 for incorporation into Exhibit 16 and some minor verbiage changes to page 4.5-34.

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

Sincerely,



Johnny Pappas
Sr. Environmental Engineer

Enclosures

File: Willow Creek Mine - Subsidence Discontinuance
Chron.: JP030406.ltr

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APPLICATION FOR COAL PERMIT PROCESSING

Permit Change New Permit Renewal Exploration Bond Release Transfer

Permittee: Plateau Mining Corporation

Mine: Willow Creek Mine

Permit Number: C/007/038

Title: Discontinuance of Subsidence Monitoring

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

Based on survey data through 2002, no subsidence occurred over the underground mine workings

Instructions: If you answer yes to any of the first eight (gray) questions, this application may require Public Notice publication.

- Yes No 1. Change in the size of the Permit Area? Acres: ___ Disturbed Area: ___ increase decrease.
- Yes No 2. Is the application submitted as a result of a Division Order? DO# _____
- Yes No 3. Does the application include operations outside a previously identified Cumulative Hydrologic Impact Area?
- Yes No 4. Does the application include operations in hydrologic basins other than as currently approved?
- Yes No 5. Does the application result from cancellation, reduction or increase of insurance or reclamation bond?
- Yes No 6. Does the application require or include public notice publication?
- Yes No 7. Does the application require or include ownership, control, right-of-entry, or compliance information?
- Yes No 8. Is proposed activity within 100 feet of a public road or cemetery or 300 feet of an occupied dwelling?
- Yes No 9. Is the application submitted as a result of a Violation? NOV # _____
- Yes No 10. Is the application submitted as a result of other laws or regulations or policies?

Explain: _____

- Yes No 11. Does the application affect the surface landowner or change the post mining land use?
- Yes No 12. Does the application require or include underground design or mine sequence and timing? (Modification of R2P2)
- Yes No 13. Does the application require or include collection and reporting of any baseline information?
- Yes No 14. Could the application have any effect on wildlife or vegetation outside the current disturbed area?
- Yes No 15. Does the application require or include soil removal, storage or placement?
- Yes No 16. Does the application require or include vegetation monitoring, removal or revegetation activities?
- Yes No 17. Does the application require or include construction, modification, or removal of surface facilities?
- Yes No 18. Does the application require or include water monitoring, sediment or drainage control measures?
- Yes No 19. Does the application require or include certified designs, maps or calculation?
- Yes No 20. Does the application require or include subsidence control or monitoring?
- Yes No 21. Have reclamation costs for bonding been provided?
- Yes No 22. Does the application involve a perennial stream, a stream buffer zone or discharges to a stream?
- Yes No 23. Does the application affect permits issued by other agencies or permits issued to other entities?

Please attach four (4) review copies of the application. If the mine is on or adjacent to Forest Service land please submit five (5) copies, thank you. (These numbers include a copy for the Price Field Office)

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.

Johnny Kappas
Print Name

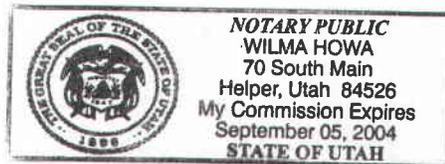
[Signature] Sr. Env. Engineer - 4/24/03
Sign Name, Position, Date

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 24 day of April, 2003

Wilma Howa
Notary Public

My commission Expires: Sept 05, 2004

Attest: State of Utah } ss:
County of Carbon



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