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August 25, 2004

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Inc
C/007/0038

Re: Gravel Canyon Topsoil Stockpile Reclamation, Willow Creek Mine, Plateau Mining Corporation, C/007/038, Task ID#1962, Carbon County, Utah

Dear Ms. Grubaugh-Littig:

Plateau Mining Corporation (PMC) is herewith addressing the two minor deficiencies identified by the Division. The deficiencies are presented in italics with PMC's response in normal type.

R645-301-223, The reclamation plan in Section 3.6-4(1) should include two composite samples taken of the regarded surface, before seeding, to be analyzed for the following parameters: pH, EC, SAR, texture, nitrate N, available Phosphorus and extractable Potassium.

PMC commits to taking the samples and having them analyzed accordingly. Page 3.6-5 has been revised to reflect this commitment.

R645-301-742.324, The Permittee should provide a drainage profile design drawing for Option B and C.

Exhibit 3.6-4 has been revised to present the profile designs for GCRD-1 for options b and c.

PMC appreciates the Division's timely review of this permit change. If you have any questions or need additional information, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

J. Pappas

Johnny Pappas
Sr. Environmental Engineer

Enclosures

File: Gravel Canyon
Chron.: JP040812.ltr

File in: C/0070038, 2004, Incoming

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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: Gravel Canyon Topsoil Stockpile Reclamation Scenarios

Description, Include reason for application and timing required to implement:
Reclamation scenarios based on volume removed

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)

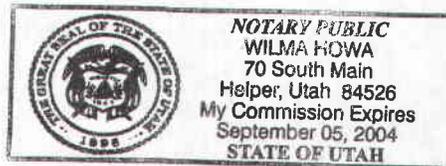
I hereby certify that I am a responsible official of the applicant and that the information contained in this application is true and correct to the best of my information and belief in all respects with the laws of Utah in reference to commitments, undertakings, and obligations, herein.

JOHNNY PAPPAS
Print Name

[Signature] - Sr. Env. Engineer - 8/26/04
Sign Name, Position, Date

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 26th day of August, 2004

Wilma Howa
Notary Public
My commission Expires: 9/05, 2004
Attest: State of Utah } ss:
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