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November 10, 2004

Mr. Dennis Ware
Plateau Mining Corporation
P.O. Box 30
Helper, Utah 84526

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Subject: Site Visits & Reconnaissance Inspections - Willow Creek And Star Point Mines.

Dear Mr. Ware:

On November 9, 2004 I met with you to conduct reconnaissance inspections in regards to the UPDES Permit Nos. UTG040012 and UT0023736. Specifically I observed the one remaining discharge point and the reclaimed landscaping, as well as a visual tour of the former mining operations and receiving waters at each location.

Enclosed is a copy of the inspection reports for your records. I appreciated your time and efforts to facilitate the inspections. If you have any questions, please contact me at (801) 538-6779 or by e-mail at jstudenka@utah.gov.

Sincerely,

Jeff Studenka

Jeff Studenka, Environmental Scientist
Permits & Compliance Section

Enclosures

cc (w/encl): Darcy Oconnor, EPA Region VIII
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NPDES Compliance Inspection Report

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Section A: National Data System Coding

Transaction Code	NPDES	Yr/Mo/Day	Inspection Type	Inspector	Fac Type
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Reserved	Facility Evaluation Rating	BI	QA	Reserved
67	70 5	71 N	72 N	73 75 80

Section B: Facility Data

Name and Location of Facility Inspected	Entry Time	Permit Effective Date
PLATEAU MINING CORP. WILLOW CREEK MINE, HELPER, UT	12:15 PM	05-01-2003
	Exit Time/Date 1:00 PM/11-09-04	Permit Expiration Date 04-30-2008

Name(s) of On-Site Representative(s)	Title(s)	Phone No(s)
Dennis Ware	Controller and Administrative Manager	435-472-4737

Name, Address of Responsible Official	Title	
Dennis Ware Plateau Mining Corp. Willow Creek Mine P.O. Box 30 Helper, UT 84526	Controller and Administrative Manager	
	Phone No. 435-472-4737	Contacted Yes

Section C: Areas Evaluated During Inspection
(S = Satisfactory, M = Marginal, U = Unsatisfactory, N = Not Evaluated)

S	Permit	N	Flow Measurement	N	Pretreatment	S	Operations & Maintenance
S	Records/Reports	N	Laboratory	N	Compliance Schedules	N	Sludge Disposal
S	Facility Site Review	S	Effluent/Receiving Water	S	Self-Monitoring Program		Other:

Section D: Summary of Findings/Comments (*Attach additional sheets if necessary*)

The purpose for the site visit was to become more familiar with the facility and to perform a reconnaissance inspection. I let Mr. Ware know that as the permit writer and inspector assigned to the facility, I was available for any questions or concerns he might have. The mining operations have been shut down for a number of years now and all but one on the discharge points (OO1A) have been reclaimed. A tour of the facility included observing the reclaimed landscaping and the outfall 001A (sedimentation pond) followed by the receiving waters of Willow Creek. It is unlikely that outfall 001A will discharge in the foreseeable future and all other outfalls have been inactivated due to the reclamation. Mr. Ware was very accommodating throughout the inspection process. There were no deficiencies observed during the inspection.

Name(s) and Signature(s) of Inspector(s)	Agency/Office/Telephone	Date
JEFF STUDENKA Jeff Studenka	(801) 538-6779 DIVISION OF WATER QUALITY	11-10-04
N/A	N/A	Date
Signature of Reviewer MIKE HERKIMER, MANAGER Mike Herkimer PERMITS & COMPLIANCE SECTION	Agency/Office (801) 538-6058 DIVISION OF WATER QUALITY	Date 11/12/04

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Section B: Facility Data

Name and Location of Facility Inspected	Entry Time	Permit Effective Date
PLATEAU MINING CORP. STAR POINT MINE, WATTIS, UT	1:30 PM	05-01-2003
	Exit Time/Date 2:00 PM/11-09-04	Permit Expiration Date 04-30-2008

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Section D: Summary of Findings/Comments (*Attach additional sheets if necessary*)

The purpose for the site visit was to become more familiar with the former mining facility and to perform a reconnaissance inspection. I let Mr. Ware know that as the permit writer and inspector assigned to the facility, I was available for any questions or concerns he might have. The mining operations have been shut down for a number of years now and all of the discharge points have been reclaimed. A tour of the former facility included observing the reclaimed landscaping and former outfall locations followed by the receiving waters of Serviceberry Creek. All of the outfalls have been inactivated due to the reclamation and a request has been made to terminate the UPDES permit. Mr. Ware was very accommodating throughout the inspection process. There were no deficiencies observed during the inspection.

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