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Re: Determination of Administrative Completeness for Refuse Pile Redesign and PMLU Change, Plateau Mining Corporation, Willow Creek Mine, C/007/0038, Task ID #1788, Outgoing File

Dear Mr. Pappas:

The Division has completed a review of the information you submitted on December 18, 2003. This application is not considered to be administratively complete. A copy of our review worksheet is enclosed for your information and records.

We anticipate that additional information will be necessary to make your application complete and look forward to working with you throughout the permitting process. A technical review of your plan will not be initiated until your submittal is determined to be administratively complete. Also, you should not publish a Notice of Complete Application until your submittal is determined to be administratively complete.

Thank you for your help in the permitting process.

Sincerely,

Daron R. Haddock  
Permit Supervisor

**ADMINISTRATIVE COMPLETENESS REVIEW WORKSHEET  
(R645-100)**

**DATE:** December 30, 2003

**REVIEWER(S):** Dana Dean, Pete Hess, Priscilla Burton, Wayne Western, Jerriann Ernstsen

**APPLICANT:** Plateau Mining Corporation

**MINE NAME:** Willow Creek Mine **FILE NO.:** C/007/0038-1788

**"Administratively Complete Application"** means an application for permit approval or approval for coal exploration, where required, which the Division determines to contain information addressing each application requirement of the State Program and to contain all information necessary to initiate processing and public review.

**Directions:** The categories listed below correspond to the minimum requirements for information necessary to initiate processing and public review. If a category is checked the Applicant has met the Completeness requirement for that category. If a category is not checked, the Completeness requirements have not been met. The comments column will identify the deficiency and what is necessary to correct it.

			<b>Comments</b>
301-112	Identification of Interests	___	Not applicable to this review.
100	Applicant's Business Structure	___	Not applicable to this review.
210	Applicant's Name/Address/Phone	___	Not applicable to this review.
220	Resident Agent's Name/Address/Phone	___	Not applicable to this review.
230	Name/Address/Phone of AML Fees Payer	___	Not applicable to this review.
300	Corporate Structure & Ownership	___	Not applicable to this review.
400	Identify Other Mining Operations in US	___	Not applicable to this review.
500	Surface & Mineral Ownership	___	Not applicable to this review.
600	Ownership Contiguous to Permit	___	Not applicable to this review.
700	MSHA Numbers	___	Not applicable to this review.
800	Interest in Contiguous Lands	___	Not applicable to this review.

301-113	Violation Information	—	Not applicable to this review.
100	Suspension or Revocation Information	—	Not applicable to this review.
300	List of Violations - <b>3 Previous Years</b>	—	Not applicable to this review.
301-114	Right of Entry	—	Not applicable to this review.
301-115	Status of Unsuitability Claims	—	Not applicable to this review.
301-116	Permit Term	—	Not applicable to this review.
301-117	Insurance	—	Not applicable to this review.
	Proof of Publication	<u>X</u>	The Division will require proof of publication once publication is completed.
	Facilities and Structures Used in Common	—	Not applicable to this review.
301-118	Filing Fee	—	Not applicable to this review.
301-123	Notarized Signature of Responsible Official	—	Not applicable to this review.
301-130	Information Collection: <b>Technical Data Accompanied by Names of Persons or Organizations that Collected and Analyzed the Data - Dates of Collections - and Analysis of the Data and Description of the Methodology Used to Collect and Analyze Data</b>	—	Not applicable to this review.

301-200	Soils	<u>X</u>	
211	Description of Pre-mining Soil Resources	<u>X</u>	
221	Prime Farmland Investigation	<u>X</u>	
222	Soil Survey	<u>X</u>	
224	Substitute Topsoil Info (When Proposed)	<u>X</u>	
230	Operation Plan <b>Topsoil Handling/Removal/Storage</b>	<u>X</u>	
240	Reclamation Plan <b>Soil Redistribution/Stabilization</b>	<u>X</u>	

301-300	Biology	<u>X</u>	
320	Vegetation Information	—	Not applicable to this review.
322	Fish and Wildlife Information	—	Not applicable to this review.
323	Maps/Photos <b>Vegetation-Fish-Wildlife Areas</b>	—	Not applicable to this review.
330	Operation Plan <b>Vegetation-Fish-Wildlife Protection</b>	—	Not applicable to this review.
341	Reclamation Plan for Revegetation	<u>X</u>	<p>The Permittee made the following adjustments to the upland seed mix (Table 5.3-2): (personal communications December 1st, 8th 2003 and January 8th 2004)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>· -Added two shrub species</li> <li>· -Removed two non-native species</li> <li>· -Replaced one forb species</li> <li>· -Changed the pounds per acre for a few of the species.</li> </ul> <p>The Permittee must provide an additional table reflecting the seed mix changes. The Division recommends labeling the additional table as Table 5.3-2b in addition to retaining Table 5.3-2. Retaining the table with the out-dated seed mix is necessary in case the Permittee used the out-dated mix for previous projects.</p>

342	Fish & Wildlife Plan for Reclamation Phase	—	Not applicable to this review.
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301-400	Land Use and Air Quality	<u>X</u>	Provided in Volume 1, Chapter 3, Section 3.5 of the approved MRP / PHH
411	Pre-Mining Land Use Information <b>(Includes Cultural Resources)</b>	<u>X</u>	Provided in Chapter 3, Section 3.4, .1, .2, and .3 of the approved MRP (Volume 1)/PHH
412	Post-Mining Land Use Information	<u>X</u>	Provided in TASK ID#1788 submittal, Exhibit 19, Chapter 3, Section 3.4-6(1)/PHH

301-500	Engineering	<u>X</u>	
510 520	General Description of Operation Plan <b>(Maps, Locations, Cross-Sections, Narrative, Descriptions &amp; Calculations)</b>	<u>X</u>	Not applicable to this review.
522	Coal Recovery Description	<u>X</u>	Not applicable to this review.
523	Mining Methods	<u>X</u>	Not applicable to this review.
524	Blasting and Explosives Plan	<u>X</u>	Not applicable to this review.
525	Subsidence Control Plan	<u>X</u>	Not applicable to this review.
526	Mine Facilities Description <b>(Narrative, Plans, Maps) Including Existing Structures &amp; Support Facilities</b>	<u>X</u>	Not applicable to this review.
527	Transportation Facilities <b>(Including Plans &amp; Maps)</b>	<u>X</u>	
528	Coal Mine Waste Plans <b>(Description &amp; Designs)</b>	<u>X</u>	The Permittee proposes to reclaim the School House Canyon refuse pile.
529	Management of Mine Openings <b>(Design)</b>	<u>X</u>	Not applicable to this review.
531	General Plans for Structures	<u>X</u>	
532	Sediment Control	<u>X</u>	

533	Impoundments	<u>X</u>	
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301-534	Roads <b>(Plans, Drawings, Designs, &amp; Specifications)</b>	<u>X</u>	Additional roads are requested to be left for the postmining land use.
535	Spoil	—	Not applicable to this review.
536	Coal Mine Waste	<u>X</u>	
537	Regraded Slopes	<u>X</u>	
540 541-542	Reclamation Narrative, Maps and Plans	<u>X</u>	Maps and cross-sections of the area have been submitted
551	Casing and Sealing <b>Underground Openings</b>		Not applicable to this review.
553	Backfilling and Grading Description	<u>X</u>	Updated backfilling and grading plan for the School House Canyon area has been submitted.

301-600	Geology	—	Not applicable to this review.
621	Description of Geology <b>(Permit &amp; Adjacent Area)</b>	—	Not applicable to this review.
622	Geologic Cross-Sections, Maps, and Plans	—	Not applicable to this review.
630	Plans for Casing and Sealing Holes	—	Not applicable to this review.

301-700	Hydrology	<u>X</u>	The applicant has provided sufficient hydrologic information to begin the technical review.
721	Description of Hydrologic Resources <b>(Permit and Adjacent Area)</b>	—	Not applicable to this review.
722	Cross-Sections and Maps <b>Subsurface Water - Surface Water - Monitoring Stations - Wells</b>	—	Not applicable to this review.
723	Sampling and Analysis	—	Not applicable to this review.

724	Baseline Information <b>Ground Water - Surface Water - Geology - Climatological &amp; Supplemental; If Needed</b>	—	Not applicable to this review.
728	PHC Determination	—	Not applicable to this review.
730	General Operation Plan <b>Minimize Disturbance to Hydrologic Balance &amp; Compliance with Clean Water Act</b>	<u>X</u>	Pertinent information is provided in the MRP Volume 13 Appendix 8-2 and Vol 5 Exhibit 5.
731	Ground and Surface Water Protection	<u>X</u>	Information under review is provided in MRP Vol 13 Appendix 8-2 and Vol 5 Exhibit 5.
732	Ground and Surface Water Monitoring	—	Not applicable to this review.

301-740	Plans and Designs <b>Operation and Reclamation Plan Sediment Control Measures</b>	<u>X</u>	
	Siltation Structures	—	Not applicable to this review.
	Sediment Ponds	<u>X</u>	
	Other Treatment Facilities	—	Not applicable to this review.
	Diversions	<u>X</u>	
	Road Drainage	<u>X</u>	
	Impoundments	—	Not applicable to this review.
	Discharge Structures	<u>X</u>	
	Disposal of Excess Spoil	—	Not applicable to this review.
	Coal Mine Waste	<u>X</u>	
	Disposal of Non-Coal Mine Waste	—	Not applicable to this review.
	Casing and Sealing of Wells	—	Not applicable to this review.

301-800	Bonding and Insurance	<u>X</u>	
820	Applicant <b>Have Adequate Bond at Permit Issuance</b>	<u>X</u>	
830	Bond Estimate and Calculations Provided	<u>X</u>	Estimates have been provided.

890	Certificate of Insurance Provided	<u>X</u>	No additional certificate of insurance is needed for this amendment
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302-200	Special Categories of Mining	___	Not applicable to this review.
210	Experimental Practices Mining	___	Not applicable to this review.
220	Mountaintop Removal Mining	___	Not applicable to this review.
230	Steep Slope Mining	___	Not applicable to this review.
240	Auger Mining	___	Not applicable to this review.
250	In Situ Processing Activities	___	Not applicable to this review.

302-260	Coal Processing Plants <b>(Not Located Within Permit Area of Mine)</b>	___	Not applicable to this review.
270	Variations From Approximate Original Contour Restoration Requirements	___	Not applicable to this review.
280	Variations for Delay in Contemporaneous Reclamation Requirement in Combined Surface and Underground Coal Mining Activities	___	Not applicable to this review.
290	Small Operator Assistance Program <b>(SOAP)</b>	___	Not applicable to this review.

302-300	Special Areas of Mining	___	Not applicable to this review.
301	Prime Farmland	___	Not applicable to this review.
302	Alluvial Valley Floors	___	Not applicable to this review.