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Subject: Request for OSM Concurrence for Willow Creek Mine Facilities Area, Phase I Bond Release (Refuse Pile Area) and Phase III Bond Release (Preparation Plant Area), Task No. 2424, Plateau Mining Corporation, Willow Creek Mine, C/007/0038

Dear: Mr. Fulton:

I am enclosing the Division's Decision Document for Phase I (Refuse Pile Area) and Phase III (Preparation Plant Areas) bond releases at the Willow Creek Mine. I am also enclosing additional information requested during the bond release inspection by Henry Austin:

- Sedimentation control calculations.
- Raw water pond specifications and certifications.
- A written commitment from Price River Water Improvement District to take responsibility for the raw water pond and the roads left in place.

The Permittee is seeking Phase I bond release for the refuse disposal area that contains 45.6 acres. The reclaimed area is located in School House Canyon. The Permittee is seeking a bond release of \$632,000 (60% of the current bond amount of \$1,054,000 allocated for this area).

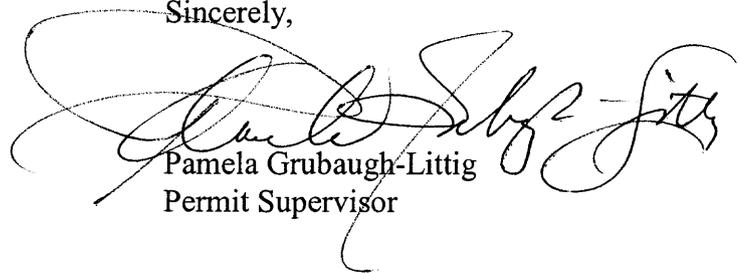
The Permittee is also seeking Phase III bond release for the preparation plant area that contains 46.2 acres. The area is located in the northern part of the mine site. Most of the area was not reclaimed because the Price River Water Improvement District (PRWID) will use the area for industrial purposes (a postmining land use change to "industrial" was approved on April 13, 2004). The Permittee is seeking a bond release of \$1,503,000 (100% of the current bond amount allocated for this area).

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The amount of bond that will remain for the Willow Creek Mine is
\$2,275,111.

If you have any questions please call me at 801-538-5268 or Wayne Western
(lead) at 801-538-5263.

Sincerely,

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Pamela Grubaugh-Littig
Permit Supervisor

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