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

Subject: 2012 Annual Report Review Completion, Willow Creek Mine, C/007/0038, Task ID #4291

Dear Mr. Ware:

The Division staff has completed the review of the 2012 Annual Report. Enclosed is a copy of the review with each reviewer's comments completed on June 3, 2013. All requirements have been adequately addressed.

Thank you for your diligence in completing the Annual Report. If you have any questions, please call me at (801) 538-5325.

Sincerely,

Daron R. Haddock
Coal Program Manager

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Enclosure

cc: Price Field Office
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Annual Report

This Annual Report shows information the Division has for your mine. Submit the completed document and any additional information identified in the Appendices to the Division by the date specified in the cover letter. During a complete inspection an inspector will check and verify the information.

GENERAL INFORMATION			
Company Name	Plateau Mining Corporation	Mine Name	Willow Creek Mine
Permit Number	C/007/0038	Permit expiration Date	April 24, 2016
Operator Name	Plateau Mining Corporation	Phone Number	+1 (435) 472-0475
Mailing Address	P.O. Box 30	Email	dware@alphanr.com
City	Helper		
State	UT	Zip Code	84526

DOGM File Location or Annual Report Location

Excess Spoil Piles

- Required
- Not Required

No Excess Spoil Piles

Refuse Piles

- Required
- Not Required

Reclaimed

Impoundments

- Required
- Not Required

No Impoundments

Other:

OPERATOR COMMENTS

REVIEWER COMMENTS

- Met Requirements
- Did Not meet Requirements

The submitted general information for the 95.4 acres of the Willow Creek Mine site which remains under DOGM jurisdiction is complete and adequate (PHH. 6/3/2013).

COMMITMENTS AND CONDITIONS

The Permittee is responsible for ensuring annual technical commitments in the Mining and Reclamation Plan and conditions accepted with the permit are completed throughout the year. The Division has identified these commitments below and has provided space for you to report what you have done during the past year for each commitment. If additional written response is required, it should be filed as an attachment to this report.

Title: CRANDALL CANYON SHAFT SETTLEMENT MONITORING

Objective: Perform Annual Shaft Settlement Surveys on Two Reclaimed Shafts in Crandall Canyon

Frequency: Annually, Beginning after the approval of phase II bond release until phase III bond release.

Status: Ongoing

Reports: Annual

Citation: MRP, Volume 17, Exhibit 24, Appendix 8

Operator Comments

The survey of the two shafts in Crandall Canyon was conducted on 11/09/2012 is attached.

At the eastern shaft we set one point in the center of the of the shaft site in 2008 that was re-checked in 2009, and again in 2012. The soil mounded over the shaft dropped 1.4 feet from the 2008 to the 2009 survey and an additional 1.4 feet from the 2009 survey to the 2012 survey. We also set 5 additional points at the eastern site for future monitoring as shown in the attached spreadsheet.

At the western shaft site we set nine survey points for future monitoring as shown in the attached spreadsheet.

Reviewer Comments Met Requirements Did Not Meet Requirements

As agreed to during the Phase II Bond Release Inspection, the Permittee conducted stabilization surveys for the eastern shaft and set up monitoring points for the western shaft. During 2008-2009 the eastern shaft overfill settled 1.4 feet. From 2009-2012 the shaft settled an additional 1.4 feet. Monitoring both shafts will continue annually. The summary of movements identified from these surveys will help determine the expected level of stability during DOGM's analysis as it pertains to granting Phase III Bond Release. Requirements for this year have been met (JCO).

REPORTING OF OTHER TECHNICAL DATA

Please list other technical data or information that was not included in the form above, but is required under the approved plan, which must be periodically submitted to the Division.

Please list attachments:

The Willow Creek Year-Eight Vegetation Study conducted by MT Nebo Scientific is attached. It is titled "Revegetation Monitoring in Selected Areas at the Willow Creek Mine".

Reviewer Comments

Quantitative sampling for year eight has been completed for the Conveyor Corridor and Riparian Bottoms. In some areas the "Reference Area" protocol was used as described in the DOGM vegetation guidelines and "Baseline Information" in others. Parameters included cover by plant species, frequency, total living cover, composition, woody species density and annual biomass production. Results suggested that vegetation in the near future could be a candidate for final bond release (JCH, 6/3/2013).

MAPS

Copies of mine maps, current and up-to-date, are to be provided to the Division as an attachment to this report in accordance with the requirements of R645-301-525.240. The map copies shall be made in accordance with 30 CFR 75.1200 as required by MSHA. Mine maps are not considered confidential.

Map Name	Map Number	Included		Confidential	
		Yes	No	Yes	No
The mine is in Reclamation Monitoring Phase		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
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Reviewer Comments Met Requirements Did Not Meet Requirements