

September 21, 1979

Memo to Coal File:

RE: U.S. Steel Corporation
Wellington Preparation Plant
Carbon County, Utah
ACT/007/012

The above operation was inspected on September 18, 1979 by Joe Helfrich, Doug Stewart and Tom Suchoski of the State Division of Oil, Gas and Mining; and Gary Fritz of the Office of Surface Mining. The above-mentioned personnel were accompanied by Mr. Glen Sides and Mr. Bill Kirkwood of U.S. Steel Corporation.

The areas of concern at this operation were the refuse pile south of the cleaning plant, the overflow pond east of the plant, and topsoil stockpiling in the area of the tailings ponds.

A method of delineating the extent of the refuse pile would be helpful. It was proposed that a 15-20' swath of ground be cleared and that stakes be set which show the limits of pile boundaries.

The overflow pond was questioned as to capacity and efficiency. It was felt that after review of the effectiveness of the vegetation filter, the effluent from the pond which could reach the river would be no greater than the natural runoff. The runoff which did reach the river would come from minor amounts of overland flow.

Topsoil stockpiling from the area of the tailings ponds will need to be done before the refuse slurry pipeline can be extended.

No violations were issued at this operation.

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Note: For statistics see Co-op Memo of September 24, 1979.

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