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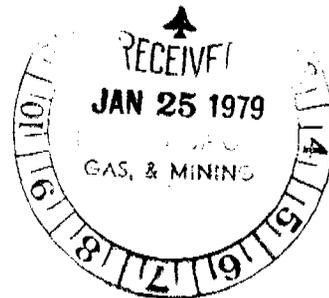
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U. S. STEEL CORPORATION  
Wellington Tipple

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DATE: 10 January 1979 & 11 January 1979  
TIME: 3:30 PM - 5:30 PM & 1:30 PM - 4:30 PM  
WEATHER: Cold and snowing, snow cover on ground  
COUNTY AND STATE: Carbon County, Utah  
STATE FILE NO: ACT/007/012  
COMPANY OFFICIALS: Bill Kirkwood and Glen Sides  
STATE OFFICIALS: Mike Thompson and Tom Suchoski  
OSM OFFICIAL: Larry Damrau



GENERAL COMMENTS

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Although the company is mining Federal coal under an approved U.S.G.S. plan for leases No.s SL-046612 and SL-066145, the federal plans cover only the Geneva mine site area and not the Wellington tipple. The Wellington tipple area does have an approved mining and reclamation plan issued by the State Regulatory Authority. The refuse disposal areas are approved under MSHA mine No. 42-00099, with two approved refuse piles and two approved refuse impoundments.

COMPLIANCE WITH INTERIM REGULATIONS

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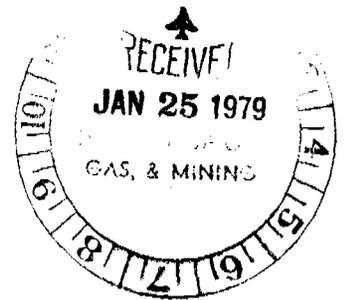
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717.12 Signs and Markers

The mine and permit identification sign observed at the access point to the tippie area from the public road was found acceptable except for the lack of the identification number of the current state mining and reclamation plan. The number ACT/007/012 should be placed on the sign. Adequate spaces for placement exists on the present sign.

Mine and permit identification signs should be placed at the point of access to the refuse impoundments north of the Price River.

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Backfilling and Grading and Disposal of excess materials

The approved State reclamation plan calls for grading and covering of the refuse areas with soil native to the immediate areas. The extent of cover to be replaced, the chemical and physical characteristics of that cover, where the cover material will be obtained, the final graded slopes of the area, the equipment and procedures to be utilized and times of such reclamation operation should be addressed.

717.17 Protection of the Hydrologic System

No surface water or underground water monitoring plan exists for this processing plant area. Plans for surface water monitoring, diversions and conveyance of overland flow away from disturbed areas, sediment controls measures and ground water monitoring in accordance with this section of the rules and regulations should be submitted.

Construction designs, maintenance operations and reclamation operations planned for the access and haulroads, railroads and other transportation facilities should be submitted.

717.18 Dams Constructed of or Impounding Waste Material

Design, location, construction, operation, maintenance, modification and abandonment/reclamation plans proposed for present and future dams constructed of or impounding waste material should be submitted.

717.20 Topsoil Handling and Revegetation

Topsoil removal, segregation, stockpiling and protection from wind and water erosion plans should be submitted.

Revegetation operation, species to be planted and times proposed for such operation should be submitted.

COMMENTS

During the discussion with Mr. Glen Sides, he made it quite clear that the Wellington Processing Plant exhibited unique environmental factors which he believed exempted the company from compliance with certain requirements of 30 CFR regulations or substantiated variances from certain requirements. I expressed the concept to him that the rules and regulations do enable variances from specific parts of the 30 CFR standards but that approval of such requests would require receipt of data confirming the applicability of the allowed variance and proposed operation to be conducted in lieu of those set forth in the 30 CFR Standards. Until the time that the regulatory authority grants such variance, the requirements of the 30 CFR regulation are expected to be met.



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