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RE: Wellington Preparation Plant
ACT/007/011
Carbon County, Utah

The Wellington Preparation Plant was given a full inspection on March 4, 1980 by Doug Stewart and Joe Helfrich from the Division and Gary Fritz from the Office of Surface Mining. State and federal inspectors were accompanied by Bill Kirkwood, General Manager for the preparation plant.

During the previous joint state and federal inspection dated September 18, 1979 inspectors requested a swath of ground the width of a cat blade be cleared around the refuse pile south of the cleaning plant to prevent further encroachment on existing topsoil. This had been done.

Surface Water Monitoring

Water is monitored on a monthly basis at 3 points along the Price River, above the preparation plant, at the diversion area pump station slurry facility and approximately one mile down stream from the preparation plant. There is no ground water monitoring done on the permit area, however, it is strongly felt by the inspectors that monitoring wells be implemented to monitor ground water in the area between the river and the sediment pond as the water table is on basically the same level as the sediment pond. Implementation of monitoring wells would detect any infiltration from the sediment pond into the water table of the Price River.

Runoff and Sediment Control

A portion of the sediment pond located between the river and preparation plant has been breached. At present there is not enough water in the pond to overflow the breached area, however, this area should be maintained.

There is a swale at the south end of the permit area between the railroad tracks that acts as a settling pond. Straw bales should be implemented at the lower end of this area as runoff is intermittently deposited into the Price River during periods of peak runoff.

The fuel oil pump house area is situated in a low area where water naturally collects. A culvert drains this area directly into the swale between the tracks at the lower end of the permit area. On occasion diesel fuel is transported directly from the fuel oil pump house area into the Price River. This could be avoided by building a small catchment basin near the diesel fuel pump station.

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The area opposite the shakedown building contains 4 to 6 culverts that are partially plugged. These should be cleaned and maintained. Maintenance would be on a very infrequent basis as the culverts have become only partially blocked since the installation of the plant in 1953, however, they should be maintained.

No violations were issued.

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cc: Murray Smith, O.S.M.

Note: For statistics see Factory Butte memo dated March 19, 1980.