

December 23, 1981

Inspection Memo
to Coal File:

RE: U. S. Steel
Wellington Prep Plant
ACT/007/012
Carbon Coutny, Utah

On November 24, 1981, Division Reclamation Officer Sandy Pruitt and Reclamation Soils Specialist Tom Portle visited the above-mentioned mining site. They were accompanied by Bob Barb Filas of U. S. Steel at this time. The purpose of this inspection was two-fold:

1. To view disturbance associated with the tail tower of the dragline being used to excavate coal fines from lower slurry pond.
2. To look at an area for which plans are currently being developed which will involve the construction of the Class III roads for the purpose of routing a ditch along the east side of the upper sediment pond for the purpose of letting the water have a longer settling time prior to discharge into Clear Water Pond.

Soils which had been stripped during the tail tower pad and road development process were not properly protected and had yet to be seeded. Operator committed to addressing the soils concern in the immediate future. On December 1, Barb Filas was contacted again by this inspector to determine the status of work at the Wellington Plant on topsoil protection. Mechanical problems at the plant had prevented protection at this time. The company again committed to having this work done in the very immediate future.

With regard to the ditch work and Class II development, inspectors walked the site of the future road and could see no obvious environmental problems. Plans are forthcoming on this area and it would be recommended that these plans be approved promptly because of the nature of the area minimal disturbances should be expected.

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RECLAMATION SOILS SPECIALIST

cc: Tom Ehmett, OSM
Inspection Staff

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Statistics:

Vehicle: EX 70237--458 miles
Per Diem: 1 person X 1 day, 10 hours @ \$37.50/day = \$53.78
Grant: A & E