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October 27, 1982

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

DATE:	September 29, 1982
TIME:	10:30 a.m. - 3:30 p.m.
WEATHER:	Cloudy, cool
COMPANY OFFICIALS:	Glenn Sides, Bill Kirkwood
STATE OFFICIALS:	Ken Wyatt, Barton Kale

Compliance with Permanent Performance Standards

771 et al Permits

On June 13, 1977, U.S. Steel Corporation filed a "Notice of Intention and Mining and Reclamation Plan" (MR1 and MR2). These plans were received by the Division, and were complete after some additions and corrections.

At the time that coal mines were being granted interim approval to commence mining (May 1978), there were some questions as to DOGM's jurisdiction over preparation plants. By the time the matter was decided, and the DOGM established its authority over Prep Plants, a verbal and implied approval was given to Wellington, as it was associated with an approved operation. The matter of written documentation is being persued.

817.11 Signs and Markers

The mine identification sign was posted with all pertinent information. Perimeter markers were posted as well.

817.21 - .25 Topsoil

On the east side of the slurry pond, bulldozers are used as anchors for cables stretching across the pond. Topsoil saved from the creation of dozer pads is stored in several small piles in this area.

817.41 - .52 Hydrologic Balance

A drainage ditch carries runoff waters along the northeast boundary of the disturbed area, south along the coal waste pile into a flat area where it disappears (it gets absorbed or evaporated). Water that does continue to flow south gets caught in a catch basin area, along the railroad tracks at the south, southeast point of the operation (on the plant side of the river). Runoff from the plant itself finds itself in catch ponds to the east of the plant between the plant and the Price River. The area is basicly flat, and a substantial amount of runoff is needed to cause flow.

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On the east side of the Price River the slurry pond receives plant water which is decanted through a series of settling ponds. The clear water pond is the source of water for the Prep Plant.

817.52 Surface and Ground Water Monitoring

The Wellington Prep Plant does not discharge water from any sediment pond or settling pond and therefore does not have an NPDES permit.

The Price River is sampled above and below the disturbance. The most recent data is dated September 6, 1982, and shows no significant problems.

817.100 Contemporaneous Reclamation

It is recommended that U.S. Steel seed an area of about four acres this fall. This area is bisected by the access road from the slurry area to the pipeline bridge over the Price River. The previously disturbed parcel was used as a borrow area for the above mentioned access road.

The area has been graded and should be seeded at the earliest opportunity when conditions are optimum, to prevent erosion off the site.

Barton D. Kale

BARTON KALE
FIELD SPECIALIST

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cc: Tom Ehmett, OSM
Glenn Sides, U.S Steel Corporation
Inspection Staff

Statistics:

See U.S. Steel - Geneva Mine memo dated October 25, 1982.

March 19, 1982

MEMO TO COAL FILE

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

On March 18, 1982, Wayne Hedberg, Tom Portle, and David Darby met with Brent Bowler, Bill Kirkwood, and Glen Sides from U.S. Steel Corporation to assess drainage patterns and other possible problems concerning contaminated runoff leaving the permit area of the Wellington Prep. Plant. This meeting took place in response to violation #81-3-24-1 issued by Tom Portle concerning several areas of possible drainage problems and at the request of the operator to clarify points of confusion regarding a February 23, 1982, letter which expressed the Division's concerns with U.S. Steel's abatement response.

We walked the major portion of the permit area and observed the surface drainage areas and control structures.

It was agreed upon by both parties that any issues of concern would be examined by staff personnel and their findings would be conferred to U.S. Steel via epistle.

DAVID DARBY DWD
MINE RECLAMATION HYDROLOGIST

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cc: OSM, Albuquerque
Wayne Hedberg

Statistics
Vehicle: 306 miles on #5421
Grant: A & E