

February 3, 1982

Inspection Memo  
to Coal File:

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

On January 27, 1982, Reclamation Soils Specialist Tom Portle visited the above-mentioned minesite. He was accompanied on this inspection by Bill Kirkwood, plant superintendent for U. S. Steel. The purpose of the inspection was to view remedial action on Violation 81-3-24-1 and the NAOC form issued during the December 18 complete inspection.

With regard to the NAOC form issued during the December 18 inspection, a remedial approach has been taken to abate the environmental concern in this area. U. S. Steel had employed metal grading structures in the area where the ditch was backcutting. The idea is that these areas, now stable, will begin to fill in with sediment and thus afford a more stable and gentler grade eliminating backcutting problems. This memo informs U. S. Steel of the termination of the above-mentioned NAOC form.

With regard to Violation #81-3-24-1, material has been submitted and received by the Division pursuant to the plan for noncoal waste. Some noncoal waste had been removed by the operator and brought to the Carbon County landfill. There was, however, no evidence of consolidation of material which were scattered in the vicinity of Wellington Prep Plant. These materials should be consolidated and plans for contemporaneous reclamation submitted, approved and implemented. In the area of the oil storage, work had been done which consisted of removing virtually all the oil cans and a general clean-up of the area including sanding to pick up oil spills which had previously occurred.

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Statistics:

See Sunnyside memo dated February 2, 1982  
Grant: A & E