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Dr. Dianne Nielson
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Re: Vegetation Test Plots
Wellington Coal Cleaning Plant

Dear Dianne:

As you are aware, U. S. Steel Mining Co. proceeded with work to install vegetation test plots at the Wellington Coal Cleaning Plant. Plant forces began construction on the "surface facility test plot" while waiting for bids from contractors to complete the work. This test plot has been installed and seeded. Fencing of the plot will be completed this fall. The irrigation system will be installed and seedlings will be planted next spring.

The final competitive bids from contractors for the installation of the remaining test plots were received last week. Our vegetation consultant recommends that the remaining test plots be completed next fall for the following reasons:

1. It is too late in the year to properly handle the topsoil and seed the plots.

2. The plots should be planted in the fall of the year because many native plant species require exposure to winter temperatures to properly germinate.

U. S. Steel Mining Co. requests the Division's approval to complete the remaining test plots in the fall of 1985.

Sincerely,

Glenn H. Sides
General Superintendent

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