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September 26, 1984

Dianne R. Nielson
Director
State of Utah
Division of Oil, Gas & Mining
4241 State Office Building
Salt Lake City, UT 84114

Re: Final Technical Analysis
Wellington Coal Cleaning Plant
ACT/007/012

Dear Dianne:

On September 4, 1984 U.S. Steel Mining Co., Inc. received the Final Technical Analysis and Decision Document for the Wellington Coal Cleaning Plant. U.S. Steel Mining Co. has reviewed the document and noted that it contained several minor errors in wording. Should you wish to have the errors specifically identified, please let me know. We do not see a problem.

Stipulation 817.103-(1)-TLP requires that the success of the test plots be evaluated at the time of permit renewal. It is possible that the data from the test plots will not support a definite conclusion at that time. In this event, the test plot studies would be continued (possibly with modifications) until a conclusion can be reached with the bond adjusted at that time. U.S. Steel Mining Co. requests that the stipulation be worded to recognize the possible necessity of extending the study time to conclude a workable plan acceptable to both parties.

It is pointed out that the permit application as revised in December 1983 (pursuant to permit review) committed the Operator to the installation of vegetation test plots in 1984 based on a final decision on the permit by the Division of Oil, Gas and Mining in May 1984. Due to the extended permit review period, it is unlikely that it will be possible to complete and seed the vegetation test plots in 1984. U.S. Steel Mining Co., Inc. requests that the time to complete the installation of the test plots be extended until 1985. We were unable to find any statements in the decision document that makes the installation of these test plots in 1984 critical to the permit approval at this time or the permit renewal in five years.

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cc J. Smith file
R. Daniels
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U. S. Steel Mining Co. accepts the stipulations contained in the Final Technical Analysis and Decision Document, except as noted above.

Sincerely,



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General Superintendent

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B.L. Kirkwood
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