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DIVISION OF OIL
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September 24, 1984

Sandy Pruitt
State of Utah
Division of Oil, Gas, and Mining
4241 State Office Building
Salt Lake City, UT 84114

Re: Wood Storage Area
Wellington Coal Cleaning Plant
ACT/007/012

Dear Ms. Pruitt:

U. S. Steel Mining Company, Inc. received approval from the Utah Air Conservation Committee on March 19, 1984 to open burn approximately 3000 cubic yards of accumulated wood at the Wellington Coal Cleaning Plant. This wood, which is stored at location DD of drawing number E9-3341 in the Operation and Reclamation Plan, was first ignited on May 9, 1984 in accord with the approval stipulations.

Wood now generated from the coal washing process is disposed of at a regulated landfill. U. S. Steel Mining Company, Inc. proposes to evaluate the practicality and feasibility of the following options over the next year:

- 1) Continue hauling wood material to the public landfill approximately 16 miles round trip.
- 2) Design and operate a regulated landfill on site.

Should option one be selected as the preferred disposal method, it may be necessary to accumulate small quantities of wood for short periods of time to facilitate economic disposal. Should option two be selected, U. S. Steel Mining Company, Inc., will prepare and submit plans to the appropriate agencies to install and operate a landfill. The currently disturbed storage area could be used for accumulation of wood before disposal in the landfill or the area could be included in the landfill boundary.

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The wood storage area is still required to support operations at the Wellington Coal Cleaning Plant. Although the current operation plan no longer includes the regular accumulation of wood at this location, the site may be required periodically for emergency storage prior to proper disposal. Because the site is a possible location for a landfill operation, any efforts toward contemporaneous reclamation would be premature.

In 1985 U. S. Steel Mining Company will again review the need to maintain this area to support operations at the Coal Cleaning Plant. U. S. Steel Mining Company will advise the Division of its plans at that time. It is hoped that this letter answers your questions regarding this area. If you wish to discuss the matter further please call V. R. Watts at 303-527-4816.

Sincerely,



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General Superintendent
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