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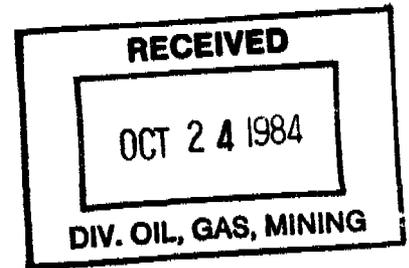


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Re: Wellington Coal Cleaning Plant
Final Decision Documents
ACT/007/012

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Dear Dianne:

As requested in your letter of October 10, 1984, the following is a list of errors in the Final Technical Analysis:

1. Page 4, paragraph 5 of the Cumulative Hydrologic Impact Assessment implies that the only source of make-up water is the well at the river pump house. This is not correct. Make-up water can be removed from the Price River.
2. Page 1, paragraph 2 of the Technical Analysis also implies that the only source of make-up water for the plant is a well. Make-up water is diverted from the Price River.
3. Page 15, paragraph 1 of the Technical Analysis implies that weekly inspections will be conducted at earth embankments, road cuts and earth or soil covered impoundments to check for erosion following contemporaneous reclamation. Weekly inspections are only required for impoundments meeting the size criteria of 30 CFR 216.
4. Page 25, Section 817.89, paragraph 3 contains a typographical error in the third sentence.
5. Page 26, Section 817.91, paragraph 1 states:

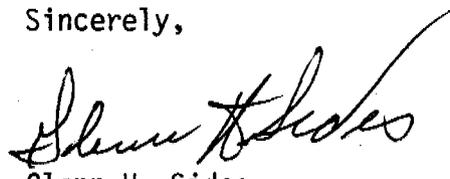
"The upper refuse dike, lower refuse dike, and clear water dike were constructed of coarse coal refuse prior to SMCRA."

This is not correct. The clear water dike is constructed of earthen materials as was the original lower refuse dike. The height of the lower refuse dike has been raised using coal processing waste as construction material in 1983 and 1984 (with the approval of the Division). The upper refuse dike was constructed with coal processing waste prior to SMCRA.

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6. Page 16, Section 817.44, paragraph 2 of the Technical Analysis states that the operator claims no control over the Milner diversion. This is not correct. United States Steel Corporation owns and controls the diversion which is used to provide irrigation water to the fields between the Denver and Rio Grande Railroad and the Price River. The diversion is not used to support the cleaning plant operations.

Sincerely,



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