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Mining Co., Inc.**

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**DIVISION OF OIL  
GAS & MINING**

WESTERN DISTRICT

September 24, 1984

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

Re: Removal of Coal Fines from Fields at Wellington Coal  
Cleaning Plant, ACT/007/012, Carbon County, Utah.

Dear Ms. Pruitt:

In February, 1984, U. S. Steel Mining Company, Inc., discontinued the discharge of effluent waters into the fields between the D&RGW mainline and the Price River. Prior to that time, waters were channeled into the fields, which provided an effective vegetative filter for the settling of suspended solids. Since that time, the area appears to have dried to a point that equipment can be moved in for the removal of the accumulated sediment.

U. S. Steel Mining Company, Inc., proposes to remove the accumulated sediment from the fields between the D&RGW mainline and the Price River. Coal fines which are removed will be recycled through the coal cleaning plant or disposed of at a designated refuse disposal site. No surface grading or revegetation procedures are proposed at this time. Although future use of this area is expected to be limited, occasional discharges can be anticipated from slurry line leaks and breaks or from sedimentation pond overflow. As such, this disturbed area is still required to support plant operations and contemporaneous reclamation of the area is considered premature. Work in this area will proceed as personnel and equipment are available.

U. S. Steel Mining Company will continue to reevaluate the need for this area as time progresses. The Division will be notified when the area is no longer needed to support operations at the Wellington Coal Cleaning Plant.

Sincerely,

G. H. Sides  
General Superintendent

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