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**DIVISION OF OIL
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WESTERN DISTRICT

James W. Smith, Jr.
Coordinator of Mined Land Development
Division of Oil, Gas, & Mining
4241 State Office Building
Salt Lake City, UT 84114

Re: Wellington Coal Cleaning Plant
ACT/012/007

Dear Mr. Smith:

The permanent program permit application currently being reviewed by the Division contains the requirement to install groundwater monitoring wells and vegetation test plots. US Steel Mining Co. recognizes that it cannot and should not begin work on these projects without the approval of the Division. Both of these projects will require a substantial amount of time to prepare specifications and obtain a contractor to perform the work. US Steel Mining Co.'s current labor contract with the United Mine Workers of America expires on September 30, 1984. Work on these projects would have to begin almost immediately to complete them before October 1, 1984. It will not be practical to work during a labor strike and Winter weather would most likely make completion of the projects impractical following a labor contract settlement until Spring 1985. In the event a strike does not occur, more time would be available to complete the construction work.

Sincerely,

Glenn H Sides (GHS)

Glenn H. Sides
General Superintendent

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