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DIVISION OF
OIL, GAS & MINING

Attention: James Smith

RE: U.S. Steel Corporation's Response to ACR for MRP at Wellington
Prep Plant

Dear Diane:

The Division has evaluated U.S. Steel Corporation's December 29, 1983 revised response to the Apparent Completeness Review for the Mining and Reclamation Plan at the Wellington Preparation Plant. Enclosed are the Division's specific comments and recommendations.

Thank you for an opportunity to review the MRP and provide comment.

Sincerely,

Douglas F. Day
Director

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Enclosure

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UTAH DIVISION OF WILDLIFE RESOURCES' COMMENTS
RELATIVE TO U.S. STEEL CORPORATION'S
DECEMBER 30, 1983 REVISED RESPONSE
TO THE APPARENT COMPLETENESS REVIEW
FOR THE MINING AND RECLAMATION PLAN (MRP)
AT THE WELLINGTON PREPARATION PLANT

CHANGES TO THE OPERATION AND RECLAMATION PLAN

Page 783-39 and 40, (a)(2)(ii)

The Division's comments remain the same as those provided August 18, 1981 (referencing page 783-27, (a)(2)(ii), and again September 15, 1983.

Page 784-28i, (b)(1)

It is recommended that the applicant leave the clear water pond in place after abandonment. It contains a warm water fishery (catfish), and is probably suitable for management as a bass-bluegill fishery by the Division. This action could serve as an enhancement feature during the interim of operations and as mitigation for riparian habitats now inundated by the refuse ponds.

Implementation of a fishery management program would require the applicant to allow public access (foot travel only) to the clear water pond.

DETERMINATION OF COMPLETENESS RESPONSE

Page 3, UMC 783.22, Land Use Information

Refer to comments provided for page 784-28i, (b)(1).

Page 9, UMC 784.16, Reclamation Plan: Ponds

Refer to comments provided for page 784-28i, (b)(1).

Appendix I: Revegetation Plan

Seeding in the plan is planned to be by broadcast methods. No plan exists to cover the seed. It is recommended that the revegetated areas be drill-seeded since all areas will be relatively flat. The fertilizer should be applied on the surface so that it is separated from the seed.