

March 28, 1984

Inspection Memo
to Coal File:

RE: Wellington Plant
U. S. Steel Corporation
ACT/007/012, Folder #7
Carbon County, Utah

A partial inspection was conducted by Sandy Pruitt in follow up to NOV N84-2-1-2 No. 1 of 2 on March 1, 1984. Barbara Filas was available to accompany this inspector. In an attempt to abate the NOV and prevent all plant discharges into the field ponds. U. S. Steel excavated the sediment pond adjacent to the Heat Dryer which was proposed in plans submitted in July 1983 (and finally approved February 28, 1984). Due to frozen soil, the pond could not be excavated to size. U. S. Steel had blocked the inlet culvert across the railroad tracks which would prevent any discharge to the field ponds. The undersized Heat Dryer Pond would instead overflow onto the heat dryer pad. The pump sump was still operational to pump water from the heat dryer into the Plant Auxillary Pond. A water line along the railroad tracks to the east of the scrubber had a leak about 2 to 3 gallons per minute draining into the Heat Dryer Pond also. Barbara Filas alleged that this was the discharge flowing into the field ponds at the time that NOV 84-2-1-2 was issued. Since the new Heat Dryer Pond was apparently undersized to handle all plant discharges the abatement deadline for NOV No. 1 of 2 (N84-2-1-2) was extended until April 15, 1984 to allow time necessary to complete construction of the Heat Dryer Pond and construct the Road Pond designed as a backup to the Plant Auxillary Pond.

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cc: Barbara Filas, U. S. Steel Corporation, Wellington Plant
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Statistics: See Genwal memo dated March 28, 1984

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