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CERTIFIED RETURN RECEIPT REQUESTED  
P-402-457-298

Mr. Glenn Sides  
U. S. Steel Mining Company, Inc.  
P. O. Box 1270  
Paonia, Colorado 81428

Dear Mr. Sides:

RE: Approval of Test Plots, Wellington Coal Cleaning Plant,  
ACT/007/012, Folder No. 2,4, Carbon County, Utah

The Division has reviewed U. S. Steel's July 31, 1984 response to the deficiencies of the proposed test plots at the Wellington Coal Cleaning Plant. The Division finds the test plot designs to be complete and adequate for their intended purposes.

Approval to implement the test plots as submitted on January 23, 1984 and amended thru July 31, 1984 is hereby granted. All earthwork associated with the preparation of the test plot area should begin immediately to avoid possible delays due to a potential strike this fall.

It is expected that the earthwork will be done before September 7, 1984 and that the seeding will be completed by late fall.

Due to the critical connection between the test plot design and the ability of the Division to make the necessary findings pursuant to UMC 786.19 (b) prior to granting permit approval, it is essential that these test plots be implemented immediately. Failure to do so would jeopardize the approval process.

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Should you have any questions, please don't hesitate to call me  
or Susan Linner.

Sincerely,



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