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Mr. Kenneth Alkema
Department of Health
Division of Environmental Health
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Dear Mr. Alkema:

RE: Modified Slurry Line Catch Basin, NOV N84-2-13-1, U. S. Steel Mining Company, Inc., Wellington Preparation Plant, ACT/007/012, #3 and #7, Carbon County, Utah

Enclosed are the plans submitted to the Division of Oil, Gas and Mining (DOGM) regarding the modified slurry line catch basin pertaining to Notice of Violation N84-2-13-1. The Division is submitting these plans and copies of our correspondence to your Department for comment.

The location of this structure is approximately 100 yards from the Price River outside of Wellington, Utah, at the Wellington Coal Preparation Plant. The purpose of the facility is to contain overflow during slurry line maintenance. Occasionally, the slurry line becomes plugged and the operator needs to use high volume flow to blow out the plug in the line. Consequently, the need for the catch basin.

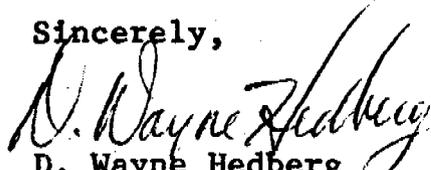
The operator originally built three rock gabion structures in series to contain the overflow from this slurry line maintenance procedure. During the first use of these structures, two failed. As a result, the operator has built the existing sediment catch basin to replace these three rock gabions.

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The Division is concerned with the stability of the current structure and has requested more information from the applicant regarding the structure's stability. We will forward this information to your agency when we receive it. You may comment on the information the Division is presently submitting to you or wait until we forward the operator's response to our most current request for additional information.

Feel free to contact us at any time concerning this matter.

Sincerely,



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