

October 1, 1985

TO: Coal File, Inspection and Enforcement Folder
FROM: Tom Wright, Mining Field Specialist ^{TW}
RE: U. S. Steel Wellington Preparation Plant, ACT/007/012,
Folder #7, Carbon County, Utah

On September 20, I conducted a partial inspection of U. S. Steel's Wellington Preparation Plant. Dave Wham, a new hydrologist for the Division, accompanied me. Barbara Filas at U. S. Steel was available and toured the site with us.

A fabric filter fence in a drainage ditch for runoff control from the plant and refuse area had failed, and water was passing over the top and around the left side of the structure. This fence is used in place of a sediment pond and, as the structure was not functioning properly, Notice of Violation N85-8-16-1 was issued and reads as follows:

Nature of Violation

Failure to maintain appropriate sediment control measures.

Provisions of the Regulations, Act, or Permit Violated

UMC 817.45

Portion of Operation to which Notice Applies

Fabric filter fence farthest south from the plant below the refuse pile.

Remedial Action Required

Repair fence so that all flow is routed through the structure.

Time for Abatement

No later than September 25, 1985.

No additional work had been done to construct the vegetation test plot at the refuse area; however, the test plot at the slurry ponds had been bladed and was ready for top soil. U. S. Steel has committed to a firm deadline for construction of the plots and must meet the timetable.

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Reconstruction of the berm controlling any flow from breaches in the slurry line on the east side of the Price River was being done during this inspection. Controls appeared to remain intact during this work.

At the point where slurry travels along the northern dike, there appears to be a need for maintenance. All slurry is contained at this time, but the channel may need improvement in the future, as the potential for slurry overtopping the dike could occur. This area should be monitored carefully in the future.

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Statistics: See Tower memo dated October 1, 1985.

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