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July 31, 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 July 18, 1985, I conducted a partial inspection of the Wellington Preparation Plant. The purpose of this inspection was to check on development on the vegetation test plots located just west of the plant. Neither Barbara Filas or the plant superintendent were available so I conducted the inspection alone. The weather was sunny and warm.

Vegetation on the plots has matured with at least six species prominently developed on the various plots. The best development appears to have occurred on the northern most plots that are irrigated. Grasses on the area appear to have developed but have been severely damaged by grasshoppers and prairie dogs. Several burrows for the prairie dogs are present on or adjacent to the test plots and large numbers of grasshoppers were present during the inspection.

Ms. Filas stated during a previous inspection that U. S. Steel was considering using poisoned oats in an effort to reduce the damage done by the prairie dogs.

Construction of the remaining test plots is slated to begin in September 1985 with completion scheduled for the first week of November 1985 according to a schedule provided to the Division by U. S. Steel. No violations were noted on this inspection.

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cc: Donna Griffin,
Randy Watts
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Statistics: See Blazon memo dated July 29, 1985

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