

January 17, 1985

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

A partial inspection of the Wellington Prep. Plant was conducted on January 8, 1985 by myself and Division Hydrologist, Dave Hooper. Barbara Filas, who handles environmental concerns for Wellington, was not available, so we conducted the inspection alone.

Mr. Hooper conducted an examination of the heat dryer pond and road pond located adjacent to the plant. Rough estimates of the length and width of the heat dryer pond were made and pictures of both ponds were taken.

Snow from the mine pad was being stored on the west embankment of the heat dryer pond. This snow was contaminated with sediment from the disturbed area. When this snow melts, runoff from this will enter the heat dryer pond.

No certification for both ponds were available so Notice of Violation N85-8-1-1 was issued and reads as follows:

Notice of Violation

Failure to certify sediment ponds by a registered professional engineer.

Provisions of the Act

UMC 817.46(r)

Portion of the Operation to Which the Notice Applies

Heat dryer pond; Road Pond

Remedial Action

Submit to the Division certifications for the ponds.

Time for Abatement

No later than January 31, 1985

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Snow was being cleared from the unloading point railroad siding by loader during the inspection. This snow was stockpiled so that runoff should be retained on the site.

Both slurry ponds were inactive during the inspection. It appeared that no slurry had been pumped since the last snowstorm. No evidence of traffic into these was seen.

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cc: Barbara Filas
Donna Griffin
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Joe Helfrich
Dave Hooper
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Statistics:

See Tower memo dated 1/10/85

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