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CERTIFIED RETURN RECEIPT REQUESTED
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Mr. Glenn H. Sides, General Superintendent
U. S. Steel Mining Company, Inc.
P. O. Box AE
Paonia, Colorado 81428

Dear Mr. Sides:

Handwritten initials: JS

Re: Wellington Coal Cleaning Plant, Vegetation Test Plots,
ACT/007/012, Carbon County, Utah

The Division has reviewed your February 19, 1985 letter regarding your permit revision for completing the vegetation test plots at the Wellington Coal Cleaning Plant and feels your response does not fully address the concerns stated in our January 15, 1985 letter to you.

We do feel that the time frame work for the "Surface Facility Test Plot" is acceptable and that no further amplification is required at this time.

With respect to "all other plots", per your February 19, 1985 letter, I would like to be given a more specific starting time for items 1-3 as per Director Nielson's January 15, 1985 request. Correspondence from your staff in 1984 indicated a twenty (20) week time frame was anticipated by U. S. Steel for the required work. If that framework is still firm, is a mid-May starting date what you would anticipate? In that context could you please provide the requested detailed schedule for test plots in the Coarse Refuse area (10 tasks identified), the Coarse Slurry Area (11 tasks identified) and the Slurry Basin Area (13 tasks). These areas and tasks are

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enumerated on pages 3-17 of the January, 1984 document "Revegetation Test Plots and Reclamation Technique of Wellington Coal Cleaning Plant". Enumeration of schedule by area and task will greatly facilitate communication with the Division. If you need assistance with clarification of these tasks or other scheduling matters with regard to the test plots, please contact Mr. Lynn Kunzler of the office.

Sincerely,

L. P. Braxton

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Administrator
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