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Mr. Glen H. Sides
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Dear Mr. Sides:

Re: Response to Ammendment titled "Revision No. 2", Wellington Coal
Cleaning Plant, ACT/007/012, Carbon County, Utah

The Division has received and reviewed the submittal of February 11, 1985. As a result of that submittal, the Division has considered the submittals of January 29, 1985 and February 25, 1985 to be included as a comprehensive package with the February 11, 1985 submittal. This package will be considered as a Operation and Reclamation Plan (ORP) ammendment due to the extensive changes to the pond system previously approved in the ORP. Therefore, the Division requests that these submittals be incorporated into the existing ORP. The operator must submit specifications to the Division as to which pages and maps from the ORP are to be replaced by these documents. Upon receipt of this information, the proposed pond system will then be completely reviewed as a ammendment to the permit before final approval. The approval letter of February 15, 1985 granted approval for adequacy of UMC 817.46(r) only. Approval of the pond system changes pursuant to UMC 817.46-.47, and UMC 817.49 was not granted by that approval letter.

The submittal of February 11, 1985 has undergone a preliminary review and the following comments need to be addressed:

1. Numerical values for several water volumes in the February 11, 1985 submittal are inconsistent with values in the original ORP. The operator must check each value to insure consistency throughout the plan.
2. The statement on Page 2 (last sentence of item 4) is confusing and needs clarification.
3. The operator must submit a narrative and calculations supporting the rationale for decreasing the desilter bowl water volumes from 45,494 to 127 gallons (Exhibit A).

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4. Clarification of the direction of drainage for the ditch at the dryer pond discussed on page 5 (item 3). Does this ditch drain to or away from the pond? The January 29, 1985 submittal states that the contours on map E9-3433 are estimated in this area. Site inspection in 1984 implied the drainage was to the east (away from pond). Is this correct or has the area been regraded?
5. Is the culvert from the auxiliary pond to the heat dryer pond closed as shown on Map E9-3433?
6. The heat dryer pond capacity was previously calculated from elevation 5333.0 to 5338.0. Page five (5) shows the elevation to be 5335.0 to some value above 5336.0. These values need to be clarified and the correct values inserted throughout the plan for consistency.

Please submit the requested information to this office before April 19, 1985. If you have any questions, please call myself or Rick Summers of my staff.

Sincerely,



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