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Mr. Glenn Sides
General Superintendent
U. S. Steel Mining Company, Inc.
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Dear Mr. ^{Glenn}Sides;

Re: Vegetation test plots, Wellington Coal Cleaning Plant,
ACT/007/012, Folder No. 3 and 13, Carbon County, Utah

With regards to your letter of December 3, 1984 and your request to delay the completion of the remaining test plots until fall of 1985, the Division is in agreement that it would be advantageous to the success of the test plots to complete them in the fall. However, before the Division could approve the delay, U. S. Steel will need to submit a revision to their approved permit. This revision must include a detailed time schedule, including exact dates for beginning and completing each task in the construction of the remaining test plots. All test plots must be completed by October 31, 1985. U. S. Steel will be expected to adhere to the approved schedule.

Again the Division stresses the importance of these test plots. Their purpose is to verify reclamation feasibility as well as establish the best way to reclaim the Wellington site. Further expansion, beyond that which is specifically identified for the five year permit term, will be prohibited until U. S. Steel demonstrates reclamation feasibility with sufficient data from the test plots. The Division considers that a minimum of five years of data will be necessary to demonstrate feasibility of reclamation.

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It is imperative that this issue be resolved in a timely manner. Therefore, please provide the necessary plans for this revision prior to February 28, 1985. Should you have any questions or problems, please call myself or Susan Linner of my staff.

Best regards,



Dianne R. Nielson
Director

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