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Mr. Dennis Schwehr
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Dear Mr. Schwehr:

Re: Test Plot Monitoring at the Wellington Coal Cleaning Plant,
ACT/007/012, Folder #2, Carbon County, Utah.

As per a telephone conversation today between Mr. Gus Manwaring and Reclamation Biologist Lynn Kunzler, this letter is to document the vegetation monitoring data that must be collected from the surface facilities test plot at the Wellington Coal Cleaning Plant, as well as commitments that Nevada Power will need to make, before the Division could grant Nevada Power any approval for operations that would disturb these plots. This is being provided to Nevada Power as a courtesy to expedite permitting of proposed operations at the site after property and permit transfer.

Since this will be the fifth year of data collection (and could potentially verify revegetation feasibility), data on ground cover (by species and total cover), woody plant density, and productivity will need to be collected from each treatment block as per the approved sample frequency (minimum five samples per treatment block). Also, data on cover, density and productivity should be collected from the appropriate reference area (the Atriplex-Hilaria vegetation type east of the slurry ponds). Three soil samples from irrigated and non-irrigated treatments (total six samples) need to be collected from the top 6 inches of soil and analyzed for salts (EC) to determine the effectiveness of past irrigation practices. The Division would like to meet with you and/or your vegetation specialist on site prior to data collection to assure that the proper areas will be sampled according to the approved monitoring plan and answer any last minute questions.

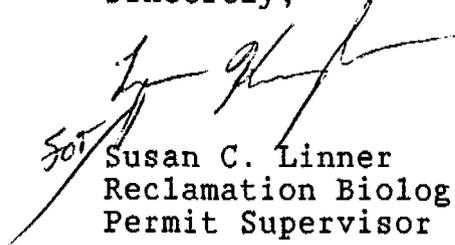
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Disturbance to the test plot must be kept to a minimum. That portion of the test plot not disturbed should be protected at least until the Division can determine whether grass species have died or have gone into dormancy due to drought conditions this year.

After final acquisition of the Wellington properties, Nevada Power (and/or representative) should meet with appropriate Division staff to re-evaluate the test plot program and redesign the test plots as appropriate. This should be completed by June 15, 1990 with new test plots (if needed) being implemented during the fall of 1990.

The Division appreciates your openness concerning this project and looks forward to working with you through the permitting process. If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to call Lynn Kunzler, Reclamation Biologist or myself.

Sincerely,


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