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Mr. Lynn Kunzler
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Dear Mr. Kunzler:

This letter is to inform you that the Surface Facility Vegetation Test Plots for Castle Valley Resource, Inc. (Genwal Coal Company) have been implemented by the extended deadline of December 20, 1990. As-built design plans will be forthcoming to DOGM by January 31, 1990. (91?)

Implementation of the plots went very well. The seeding surface was ideal for seeding, fertilizing and subsequent covering of both by soil. Both single species and mixtures were planted and should provide valuable information for revegetation research.

In order to keep my files current and accurate I need a favor from you. Because there is a gap between 1984 and 1990 in which I was not involved with reclamation research at the Wellington site, it would be extremely helpful if you could write a brief summary about initial results from the first surface facility plot and justifications (or your opinions) for planting single species in the new plot. I know that we have discussed this orally, but I think we should have something in writing about that first test plots (most analyses or field observations of this plot would have been done during my absence from the project). This does not have to be a long, verbose report, just a concise, informal letter from your office. Also, your thoughts about any other plots at Wellington would be much appreciated.

I would also like to thank you for being so helpful with the test plots and the Wellington project as a whole. I do not think extending the plot implementation deadline had any negative effect whatsoever. In fact, because planting conditions were so ideal and because it was so late in the year, it may have a positive effect on the research.

Sincerely,

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cc: Jon Passic (Castle Valley Resources)
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