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Re: Quality and Consistency of Water Quality Monitoring Reports, Nevada Electric Investment Company, Wellington Prep Plant, ACT/007/012, File #2, Carbon County, Utah

Dear Mr. Collins:

Recent evaluation of quarterly water monitoring reports has revealed quality problems which are re-occurring at your mine. This letter is to inform you of the Coal Regulatory Program's (CRP) expectations regarding the quality and consistency of quarterly water monitoring reports submitted to the Division.

Many quarterly water monitoring reports that we have received have been incomplete, incorrect, or inconsistent and thus, unacceptable. Currently, CRP personnel managing the database spend at least 15 to 20 hours per week attempting to correct, interpret, research and read the results of careless or negligent work. Specific problems are field data are not submitted with lab data sheets and spreadsheet printouts submitted without actual lab data sheets, missing flow data, and no units or incorrect units specified for various parameters as listed below.

WELLINGTON PREP PLANT

- All Sites:

  3rd qtr,96 — Need field data sheets. Field data is submitted on spreadsheets which has had highly questionable data values(ie. 3rd quarter Sp cond. < 15% of the ave. of the other three quarters) or no data recorded at all (ie. Flow).

- SW-1:

  12-16-96 Flow value reported on field data sheet: "*45'W x 3.0'D 1.5 fps*". Which we calculate to be 202.5 CFS.

  Flow value reported on spreadsheet:"*1.5 cfs*".

- SW-2:

  12-16-96 Flow value reported on field data sheet:"*0.4 in over weir*".

  Flow value reported on spreadsheet:"*0.40 CFS*".

Beginning with the next set of water monitoring reports submitted to the CRP by your company which are incomplete or inaccurate, the reports will be rejected as unacceptable and returned to you for correction. We are hopeful that it will not reach a point of continued submittal of erroneous quarterly reports, but if needed, the situation will be interpreted by us as one of noncompliance.

Submission of high quality accurate reports will reflect highly of your company and will allow the Division to maintain its water quality database in a more professional manner. Thank you in advance for correcting these problems. Please contact me at 801-538-5306 or Ken Wyatt at 801-538-5266 to discuss any questions you have.

Sincerely,

Mary Ann Wright
Associate Director of Mining

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