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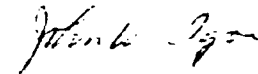
Phase II studies on process and equipment development continue according to schedule. The 100 lb/hr Stage 2 FEDU is being dismantled in preparation of the area for the new FEDUs. A final summary report of the Stage 2 FEDU work has been drafted for editing. Editing of the summary report on the coal composition and beneficiation studies is under way.

Equipment for the first three phases of the cold flow model studies of Stages 1 and 2 of the two-stage gasifier has been installed; some data have been obtained for feed nozzle orientation in an integrated gasifier. Initial studies of the characteristics of chars to be fed have been completed.

Evaluation studies are continuing in the bench-scale work on methanation catalysts for use in the BI-GAS process. Some tests have been made in the methanation FEDU model. In bench-scale work on char gasification, char obtained from the Stage 2 FEDU is being studied.

Authorization to commit funds for FEDU erection has been received from OCR. Detail engineering and procurement of equipment have been initiated. Estimates regarding design and equipment changes required to modify the fluidized-bed gasifier to (a) process coal, and (b) operate with a second bed in series are being developed with assistance from Koppers.

Yours very truly,

  
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