



March 20, 2003

**TO:** Internal File  
**THRU:** Daron R. Haddock, Permit Supervisor  
**FROM:** Dana Dean, P.E./Senior Reclamation Hydrologist  
**RE:** Technical Field Visit, Coal Tons, Lodestar Energy, Inc., White Oak Mine, C/007/001

**Other Attendees:** Steve Demczak, DOGM/Inspector; Karl Houskeeper, DOGM/Inspector; Mark Wayment, Lodestar Energy, Inc./General Manager

**Date & Time:** March 14, 2003, 11:30 am – 12:30 pm

**PURPOSE:** Determine how much coal is at the loadout and in opened pits at the mine.

**OBSERVATIONS:**

Mark Wayment, Lodestar's General Manager, indicated that Blue Ridge has removed all mining equipment from the site. He stated that a track-hoe was operating on site, keeping drainage ditches clear. He also indicated that Lodestar completed the dugout D-1 pond late last year, but he has been unable to certify it because of the snow cover.

Blue Ridge Services will remove the coal from the uncovered pits when the Division lifts the Cessation Order issued earlier in the week. It will take about 3 weeks to complete. Afterward, all activity will stop until the bond company makes an agreement with someone to reclaim.

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**TECHNICAL FIELD VISIT**

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In the pit, Division representatives took pictures and observed that Blue Ridge had moved much of the temporary spoil pile against the highwall, where it will stay for reclamation. They have also removed most of the coal from pit 15. Mr. Wayment said that approximately 5-6 thousand tons remain in pit #15, 20 thousand tons in pit #16, and 13 thousand tons at the loadout. They plan to load a unit train Tuesday afternoon, if the Division has lifted the CO by then.

Mr. Wayment supplied the Division an updated map.

**RECOMMENDATIONS/CONCLUSIONS:**

The Division's observations did not contradict with the figures received from the Permittee.

cc: All Attendees  
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