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Mike Glasson, Environmental Coordinator  
Andalex Resources  
6750 Airport Road  
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Price, Utah 84501

Re: As-Built Designs, West Ridge Resources, Inc., West Ridge Mine ACT/007/041, Folder #2,  
Carbon County, Utah

Dear Mr. Glasson:

Recent staff visits to the West Ridge mine have identified some concerns about the construction process at the site. We recognize that not all plans can be followed exactly and that there should be some room for field adjustments when necessary, however, there are also times when changes to the plans are of such a significant nature that they need to be approved by the Division. It has come to our attention that the portal highwall may be just such an area. We understand that due to coal seam weathering /burn, the highwall may have been expanded beyond the scope of the original approval. Of particular concern is the question of reclaimability and whether or not the original reclamation plan has now been compromised.

The coal regulations at R645-301-514 indicate that mine site construction should be inspected periodically by a registered professional engineer and that inspection reports should be completed at least on a quarterly basis. In order for us to better evaluate the highwall situation we will need to review the as-built configuration of the site. Normally, as-built designs are provided within 30 days of construction.

We ask that you provide the as-built design for the portal highwall by no later than January 31, 2000, so that we may better evaluate this construction.

If you have any questions, please call.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Daron R. Haddock".

Daron R. Haddock  
Permit Supervisor

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cc: Mary Ann Wright  
Price Field Office

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