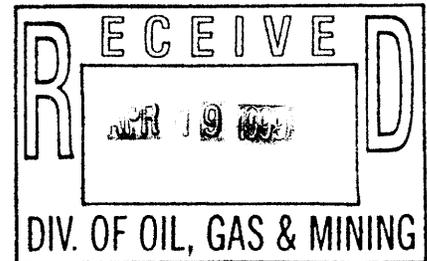


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Dear Daron:

*ACT/003/041 #2  
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Our meeting on-site yesterday provided a productive summary to the West Ridge Mine permitting process. I would like to thank you and the team for their hard work and dedication during the review of the Permit Application Package. The expediency of the review was, no doubt, assisted by the level of communication on this project which began with a site visit by the team in the fall of 1997. We appreciate the willingness of the team members to work closely with us on the site design and reclamation plan prior to and during the permit review. Working cooperatively saved considerable time and effort during the permitting and review process. Input from the team was also an important element during the design and plan development of the experimental practice that will be utilized on this site. Team members provided helpful suggestions, knowledge and insight that assisted in expediting the intensive review process and getting the practice approved. Your staff should be commended for their effort and professionalism. We look forward to continuing our productive relationship during the construction and operation of the West Ridge Mine.

Sincerely,

*Jean Semborski*

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