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TO: File

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THRU: Daron Haddock, Permit Supervisor *DH*

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RE: Side Casting Amendment (N99-46-1-1), West Ridge Resources, Inc., West Ridge Mine, ACT/007/041-99C, Folder #2, Carbon County, Utah

SUMMARY:

On August 16, 1999, the Division received an amendment intended to satisfy the abatement requirements of violation N99-46-1-1. Most of the amendment is satisfactory, but one statement needs to be modified.

ANALYSIS:

RECLAMATION PLAN

REVEGETATION PLAN

Regulatory Reference: R645-301-341

Analysis:

The original approved plan for the West Ridge Mine said no material would be sidecast from the road to be used to access the nose cut. Violation N99-46-1-1 was issued after the applicant sidecast the material that had been cut to construct the road. No material was sidecast from the upper portion of the road, but vegetation was removed the area below the upper portion of the road.

The applicant proposes to seed the area disturbed by this activity with the interim seed mix following completion of construction activities in the mine yard. The application says the

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slope below the upper portion of the nose cut access road will not be disturbed by construction activities so no revegetation will be necessary.

Because vegetation was removed from the area below the upper portion of the nose cut access road, it will be necessary to reestablish the vegetation. The statement that no revegetation will be necessary in this area needs to be modified.

Findings:

Information provided in the proposal is not considered adequate to meet the requirements of this section of the regulations. Prior to final approval, the applicant must supply the following in accordance with:

R645-301-341, The statement that no revegetation will be necessary in the area below the upper portion of the nose cut access road needs to be modified. Since vegetation was removed from this area, revegetation will be necessary.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

The application should not be approved until the deficiency discussed in this memorandum has been resolved.