



State of Utah
DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES
DIVISION OF OIL, GAS AND MINING

INSPECTION REPORT

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Partial: XXX Complete: Exploration:
Inspection Date & Time: 10/19/99 / 8:15a.m.-11:30a.m.
Date of Last Inspection: 9/28/99

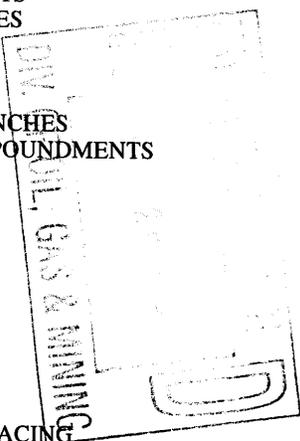
Mine Name: West Ridge Mine County: Carbon Permit Number: ACT/007/041
Permittee and/or Operator's Name: West Ridge Resources, Inc.
Business Address: P.O. Box 902, Price, Utah 84501
Type of Mining Activity: Underground XXX Surface Prep. Plant Other
Company Official(s): Mike Glasson, Gary Gray
State Officials(s): Peter H. Hess Federal Official(s): None
Weather Conditions: Clear, Sunny, Cold
Existing Acreage: Permitted- 2650.67 Disturbed- 29 Regraded- Seeded- Bonded- 29
Increased/Decreased: Permitted- Disturbed- Regraded- Seeded- Bonded-
Status: Exploration/ Active/ Inactive/ Temporary Cessation/ Bond Forfeiture
Reclamation (Phase I/Phase II/ Final Bond Release/ Liability Year)

REVIEW OF PERMIT, PERFORMANCE STANDARDS & PERMIT CONDITION REQUIREMENTS

Instructions

- 1. Substantiate the elements on this inspection by checking the appropriate performance standard.
a. For complete inspections provide narrative justification for any elements not fully inspected unless element is not appropriate to the site, in which case check N/A.
b. For partial inspections check only the elements evaluated.
2. Document any noncompliance situation by referencing the NOV issued at the appropriate performance standard listed below.
3. Reference any narratives written in conjunction with this inspection at the appropriate performance standard listed below.
4. Provide a brief status report for all pending enforcement actions, permit conditions, Division Orders, and amendments.

Table with 5 columns: EVALUATED, N/A, COMMENTS, NOV/ENF. Rows list various permit conditions like PERMITS, CHANGE, TRANSFER, RENEWAL, SALE, SIGNS AND MARKERS, etc.



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3. TOPSOIL

The permittee was undertaking the revamping of the topsoil test plot, as described in permit amendment ACT/007/041-99B. Mr. Paul Baker, Reclamation Biologist and Mr. Robert Davidson, Reclamation Soils Scientist were on site today to verify procedures for proper implementation of the area. Nielsen Construction is performing the work.

4b. HYDROLOGIC BALANCE: SEDIMENT PONDS AND IMPOUNDMENTS

The permittee has installed oil skimmers on the two emergency spillways designed as UPDES point #1 in cell "B". The permanent sediment control structures are now in place and capable of functioning as designed.

7. COAL MINE WASTE/REFUSE PILES/IMPOUNDMENTS

The site has generated some coal mine waste (roof rock) from the development of one of the four portal areas. Mr. Shaver anticipates that more will be generated from the development of the #3 portal. The #3 portal must be developed from the inside-out, as burn area was encountered here at the highwall.

Mr. Shaver would like to consider disposing of this waste within the pad fill. As most of the pad areas have already reached established grade, a new disposal area for this material may need to be permitted through an amendment. This has been relayed to Mr. Shaver.

13. REVEGETATION

Mr. Glasson informed me that the permittee has met with the US Bureau of Land Management relative to the re-seeding of areas at the site. The USBLM prefers drill seeding to hydro-seeding. The permittee anticipates that hydro-seeding at the site will be initiated the week of October 25, 1999.

Other means of erosion control may need to be implemented on the very steep slopes at the site.

18. SUPPORT FACILITIES/UTILITY INSTALLATIONS

The following was observed during today's inspection:

1. The substation is operational, providing power to the coal producing section transformer located in the portal area.

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2. Protective canopies are in place to protect miners from objects falling from the highwall.
3. Construction of the water tank has been completed.
4. Two sections of overhead conveyor structure have been installed. A third was being readied for installation this day. The 600 HP drive which will power the conveyor was resting on the "nose", being readied for installation.
5. The loading loop is paved, with the exception of a twenty-five foot length which will be completed after the truck loadout is built.
6. Some of the reclaim tunnel has been covered back over. When all feeders and the stacking tube are completed, the structure will be back filled.

Note: This inspection report does not constitute an affidavit of compliance with the regulatory program of the Division of Oil, Gas, and Mining.

Copy of this Report:

Mailed to: Mike Glasson (Andalex)

Henry Austin (OSM)

Given to: Pam Grubaugh-Littig (DOGM)

Filed to: Price Field Office

Date: October 21, 1999

Inspector's Signature: _____

Peter H. Hess
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