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To: File

Thru: Mary Ann Wright, Associate Director of Mining

From: Peter Hess, Reclamation Specialist III PHH

Re: Permittee Gate Standard Installation, Carbon County Road, "C" Canyon or West Ridge Road, West Ridge Resources, Inc., West Ridge Mine, ACT/007/041, Folder #2, Carbon County, Utah

Last month, I observed that West Ridge Resources, Inc. has installed some gate standards 0.2 mile down Canyon from the Mine's disturbed area perimeter, (approximately 400 feet outside of the Mine's permit area). The standards consist of 12 inch pipe, cemented into the ground; some protrude approximately 8.5 feet above the surface. As the standards are directly across from one another, it is evident that the permittee intends to install a gate across the Carbon County road, barring public access. A total length of approximately 2,056 feet of public road access would be unavailable to the public.

Page 5-33 of the Engineering section of the West Ridge MRP indicates that "approximately 1,000 feet of the northern end of the Carbon County road will extend into the mine site disturbed area. **The road will terminate at the junction of the truck loop. A turn around will be constructed at this terminus to give public vehicles an opportunity to turn around without having to drive through the mine yard.**" Obviously, the intent of the aforementioned gate is contradictory to what the MRP says, and what the UDNR/OGM approved.

I verbally made Mr. Mike Glasson aware of this issue this morning, and he indicated that he would inform Mr. Dave Shaver of same.

I wanted to document my findings, and make you aware of this issue. It is my intent, at this time, to not document this issue in my inspection report for November.

As we have discussed this afternoon, I will contact the permittee and request that the intended usage of this gate be documented in a letter to the Division. I shall make it plain that the receipt of same by the Division will not be considered concurrence or an endorsement of the permittee's actions.

Thank you.