



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: 4/20/2000 / 8:10a.m.-1:20p.m.
Date of Last Inspection: 3/15/2000

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): Rinji Gregersen
State Officials(s): Peter H. Hess Federal Official(s): None
Weather Conditions: Sunny, Warm, 50's
Existing Acreage: Permitted- 2660.27 Disturbed- 25 Regraded- Seeded- Bonded- 25
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 1-21 listing various permit conditions and their evaluation status.

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(Comments are Numbered to Correspond with Topics Listed Above)

2. SIGNS AND MARKERS

The disturbed area perimeter markers in the upper right fork of "C" Canyon where the experimental topsoil test plot area lies need to be enhanced. Yellow ribbons exist in several areas where "T" post markers should now be installed; vegetation in this area is thick, hence additional markers are called for such that the OSM criteria for rating these can be met. An examination of Surface Facility Map 5-5 indicates that the disturbed area perimeter extends about the entire area from the left hand and right hand canyon walls up-canyon to include the experimental test plot area. At this time, it is felt that this area is not adequately marked.

It is recommended that the permittee look at the entire disturbed area perimeter for the Mine site to determine if same is adequately marked. This should be coordinated with the perimeter as delineated on the surface facility "as-built" map 5-5.

The explosives and detonator storage magazines in the upper right fork do not have "suitable danger signs so located that a bullet passing through the face of the sign will not strike the magazine", (30 CFR 77.1301 (9)). Five plastic "danger-explosives storage" signs were observed lying on the ground. This has been pointed out to the permittee before, but it is possible that high velocity winds are pulling the signs from their standards. The permittee needs to investigate a permanent way to install these signs. UDNR/OGM has authority to enforce this regulation based on R645-301-524.800.

4c. HYDROLOGIC BALANCE: OTHER SEDIMENT CONTROL MEASURES

The permittee has repaired the berm which had been breached allowing coal storage pad runoff to erode the outslope on both sides of the concrete bulk head at the truck loadout/reclaim belt portal. However, the erosion gullies themselves now need to be leveled off to increase revegetation potential.

8. NONCOAL WASTE

The upper yard in the right hand fork should be re-evaluated relative to noncoal waste. There are some empty drums stored here; broken wood items, cardboard boxes, etc., and a general disarray of usable items gives the area a disheveled appearance. It is recommended that the area be cleaned up, and that the 55 gallon drums of lubricant stored here be placed in a bermed area. The empty drums should be crushed and disposed of.

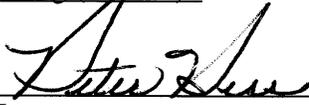
17. OTHER TRANSPORTATION FACILITIES

The truck loadout is now fully automated, and operational. Approximately ten dual trailer units were loaded during the course of today's inspection.

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: April 20, 2000

Inspector's Signature:  #46
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