



State of Utah
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DIVISION OF OIL, GAS AND MINING

INSPECTION REPORT

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Partial: XXX Complete: Exploration:

Inspection Date & Time: 5/25/2000 / 7:30a.m.-10:15a.m.

Date of Last Inspection: 4/20/2000

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): Brandon McDougall

State Officials(s): Peter H. Hess Federal Official(s): None

Weather Conditions: High Clouds, Cooler, Rain during last 18 hour period

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: Item, EVALUATED, N/A, COMMENTS, NOV/ENF. Rows include items like PERMITS, CHANGE, TRANSFER, RENEWAL, SALE; SIGNS AND MARKERS; TOPSOIL; HYDROLOGIC BALANCE; DIVERSIONS; SEDIMENT PONDS AND IMPOUNDMENTS; etc.

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(Comments are Numbered to Correspond with Topics Listed Above)

2. SIGNS AND MARKERS

The permittee has installed a "danger-explosives storage" sign in a permanent fashion at each powder and detonator storage magazine in the upper yard. The requirements of 30 CFR 77.1301 (9) have been addressed.

Mr. McDougall informed me this day that he and Mr. Bruce T.S. Ware, registered land surveyor, have field surveyed the disturbed area perimeter markers at the site for confirmation as to how they relate to Map 5-5, surface facility "as built" map. The permittee continues to work on the "as built" requirements which are part of ACT/007/041-DO00A.

6. DISPOSAL OF EXCESS SPOIL/FILLS/BENCHES

Fill material which was used in the construction of the pad and that has been shaved off during the snow removal process has been stored in the upper left fork above the run-of-mine coal stockpile. Most of this material appears to be clean, such that it could be re-used to fill depressions or build/enhance berms, etc., about the site. A few items of noncoal waste (one inch rebar, wood) were observed in this area.

It is not known if the permittee will clean up the area completely, use the material as needed, or haul any excess to the Wildcat refuse disposal area.

13. REVEGETATION

As noted in previous inspection reports, the cut banks within the Mine's surface disturbance have been hydro mulched. The stabilization of same is a concern to this inspector due to their steepness and smooth surface. Although it is early to expect much vegetative growth, the banks appear to be completely bare. This will continue to be monitored during future inspections.

18. SUPPORT FACILITIES/UTILITY INSTALLATIONS

All contractor office and utility storage trailers have been removed from the site. This has left the office /parking area pad bare with the exception of two fuel storage tanks and their containments. The review of a permit amendment relative to the modification of ASCA-Z, (currently a total containment catch basin on the northeast end of this pad) is pending in the UDNR/OGM/SLO.

The permittee is in the process of cleaning up the upper storage pad and placing coarse gravel over the surface. A lot of progress has been made in this area.

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:

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Date: May 25, 2000

Inspector's Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

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