



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

INSPECTION REPORT

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Partial: Complete: XXX Exploration:
 Inspection Date & Time: 6/27/2000 / 7:00a.m.-11:00a.m.
 Date of Last Inspection: 5/25/2000

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): Mike Glasson, Brandon McDougald
 State Officials(s): Peter H. Hess Federal Official(s): None
 Weather Conditions: Clear, Cool, 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.

| | <u>EVALUATED</u> | <u>N/A</u> | <u>COMMENTS</u> | <u>NOV/ENF</u> |
|--|-------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|--------------------------|
| 1. PERMITS, CHANGE, TRANSFER, RENEWAL, SALE | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 2. SIGNS AND MARKERS | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 3. TOPSOIL | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 4. HYDROLOGIC BALANCE: | | | | |
| a. DIVERSIONS | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| b. SEDIMENT PONDS AND IMPOUNDMENTS | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| c. OTHER SEDIMENT CONTROL MEASURES | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| d. WATER MONITORING | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| e. EFFLUENT LIMITATIONS | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 5. EXPLOSIVES | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 6. DISPOSAL OF EXCESS SPOIL/FILLS/BENCHES | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 7. COAL MINE WASTE/REFUSE PILES/IMPOUNDMENTS | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 8. NONCOAL WASTE | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 9. PROTECTION OF FISH, WILDLIFE AND RELATED ENVIRONMENTAL VALUES | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 10. SLIDES AND OTHER DAMAGE | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 11. CONTEMPORANEOUS RECLAMATION | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 12. BACKFILLING AND GRADING | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 13. REVEGETATION | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 14. SUBSIDENCE CONTROL | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 15. CESSATION OF OPERATIONS | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 16. ROADS: | | | | |
| a. CONSTRUCTION/MAINTENANCE/SURFACING | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| b. DRAINAGE CONTROLS | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 17. OTHER TRANSPORTATION FACILITIES | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 18. SUPPORT FACILITIES/UTILITY INSTALLATIONS | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 19. AVS CHECK (4th Quarter-April, May, June)_____ (date) | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 20. AIR QUALITY PERMIT | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 21. BONDING & INSURANCE | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |

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1. PERMITS, CHANGE, TRANSFER, RENEWAL, SALE

The permittee has forwarded two boxes of information relative to the "as built" conditions of the newly constructed Mine. These included revised permit boundary maps, the Agapito and Associates report concerning the stability of the portal high wall upon reclamation, and the effects of that reclamation plan on the experimental topsoil storage plan. As some of the cross sections for the site remained to be completed, Mr. Glasson has requested an extension until July 14, 2000 for this additional information to be submitted.

The amendment relative to the permitting of the pump house on the East Carbon City culinary water line is in the permittee's court at this time. Mr. Glasson indicated that West Ridge Resources feels that their right to access that ground is included within the BLM construction right-of-way which provided access for the County road, the culinary water line, communications lines, and the power transmission line. When the BLM prepared the environmental assessment for the project, two pump houses were to be implemented to provide adequate water pressures and volumes. Only one pump house was found to be necessary (at this time) to provide the necessary water volumes for fire fighting capability and dust suppression.

The amendment to revise the sediment control plan for the office pad area (ASCA "Z") is all but approved, with the submittal of five clean copies to the Division being the final step. Mr. Glasson had the copies ready for forwarding to the Division.

The permittee is still working on the snow storage plan amendment (ACT/007/041-AM00C-1), which when approved, will allow the storage of volumes of snow within the upper cell of the sediment pond. The initial submittal was felt to be deficient in that the permittee did not have a developed plan relative to where the snow would be stored, or how snow volumes would be monitored such that the available excess storage within pond "A" would not be exceeded.

2. SIGNS AND MARKERS

The permittee has installed a "topsoil storage" sign on the inslope of the impounding embankment between pond "A" and pond "B". This is a requirement of the mining and reclamation plan that was not known about by this inspector, but which was pointed out by Mr. Robert Davidson during the Division's evaluation of the experimental topsoil practice area up-canyon of the main facilities. The permittee was later informed that another "topsoil storage" sign needs to be placed on the damming embankment between cell "B" and the parking lot area.

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The permittee has moved their identification sign down the canyon from its original location, such that it is now immediately up-canyon of the "C" Canyon security gate, on the west side of the county road.

Disturbed area perimeter markers have also been installed along the newly permitted section of county road, both along the top of the west side cut bank, and along the east side of the "C" Canyon drainage.

4b. HYDROLOGIC BALANCE: SEDIMENT PONDS AND IMPOUNDMENTS

The first quarter 2000 impoundment inspection for the dual cell sediment pond was conducted by Mr. Brandon McDougald on March 30, 2000. There were no signs of instability, or other hazardous conditions noted for the pond.

Mr. McDougald was reminded that the 2nd quarter impoundment inspection is due before the end of June.

There were no problems noted relative to the sediment containment facility during today's field inspection.

4c. HYDROLOGIC BALANCE: OTHER SEDIMENT CONTROL MEASURES

The straw bales and silt fences which had been previously installed in the west side road ditch (UD-15) along the primary haul road ("C" Canyon County road) were inspected. The silt fences operate in series, and contain notches in the upper edge such that any flows reaching that level will bypass rather than over-top the fence, damaging it. The first fence in the series was noted as having received a flow which ran around the end of the fence, (i.e., bypassed). It was suggested that all the fences be lengthened such that any significant flows which are received here will have a more difficult time bypassing. These flows report directly to the "C" Canyon ephemeral drainage via a county under-road culvert. The fences and bales are the primary treatment for these flows which go off-permit.

The permittee is aware that the maintenance of the bale dikes and silt fences is their responsibility.

4d. HYDROLOGIC BALANCE: WATER MONITORING

Several weeks prior to today's inspection, Mr. Jim Smith, Reclamation Hydrologist with the UDNR/OGM in Salt Lake informed this inspector that the 4th quarter 1999 and the 1st quarter 2000 water monitoring information for the site could not be located in that office. This information was immediately relayed to Mr. Glasson.

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As no response had been received from the permittee in the interim, a notice of violation was prepared to issue during today's inspection. Mr. Glasson gave copies of both quarters of water monitoring information to this inspector when I requested them. It is not known if the submittals were lost in the mail, or simply not submitted. Ms. Karla Knoop does the water monitoring for the West Ridge site.

UPDES discharge monitoring reports for the site were reviewed. The permittee began receiving adequate forms from the DWQ for the month of April 2000. Prior to that, only page two of the required reporting forms had been received for the two UPDES discharge points. As adequate forms had not been received prior to April, the permittee performed its reporting to DWQ in letter fashion. Neither of the two points have ever had out falls.

April and May DMR's have been submitted in a timely fashion. Again, no discharges occurred from either the sediment pond or the mine water discharge point.

13. REVEGETATION

Recent rains in the Carbon County area have stimulated the hydro-mulched areas of the Mine site. Adequate coverage of the various cut banks is still in the distant future.

21. BONDING AND INSURANCE

It was noted this day that the permittee's general liability insurance expires on July 1, 2000. Mr. Glasson made a telephone call to the permittee's provider during the course of the inspection to ensure continued coverage. A copy of the new certificate will be forwarded to the UDNR/OGM as soon as it is available.

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: June 28, 2000

Inspector's Signature: _____



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Peter H. Hess