



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: 10/13/2000 10:00a.m.-2:00p.m.
Date of Last Inspection: 9/13/2000

Mine Name: West Ridge Mine County: Carbon Permit Number:
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
State Official(s): Bill Malencik Federal Official(s): None
Weather Conditions: Raining
Existing Acreage: Permitted 2660.27 Disturbed 26.19 Regraded Seeded
Status: Exploration Active XXX Inactive Temporary Cessation Bond Forfeiture
Reclamation (Phase I Phase II Final Bond Release Liability Year)

REVIEW OF PERMIT, PERFORMANCE STANDARDS & PERMIT CONDITION REQUIREMENTS

- 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 categories like PERMITS, TOPSOIL, HYDROLOGIC BALANCE, EXPLOSIVES, etc.

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( COMMENTS ARE NUMBERED TO CORRESPOND WITH TOPICS LISTED ABOVE )

### GENERAL COMMENTS

A partial inspection of the West Ridge Mine surface facilities was conducted on October 24, 2000. The mine is operating with continuous miners. Photos were taken of the BTCA areas that Joe and Ken had mentioned.

#### **1. PERMITS, CHANGE, TRANSFER, RENEWAL, SALE**

The permittee currently has three permit amendments in the review process:

- 1) ACT/007/041-DO00A-1, which is the submittal relative to the Mine's "as-built" maps, drawings, and text revisions. The Division's review relative to hydrology is pending.
- 2) ACT/007/041-AM00G, which is the permit amendment relative to the pump house located down Canyon of the C Canyon security gate. The pump house is owned by the permittee, but is located on the East Carbon City six inch water supply line. This amendment is under review in the Price Field Office.
- 3) ACT/007/041-AM00F, which is the permittee's first annual evaluation of the Experimental Practice for insitu topsoil storage at the site. Same addresses questions aired by the Division and also contains a soil's monitoring program. This amendment is being reviewed by the Salt Lake staff.

#### **3. TOPSOIL**

There are two topsoil storage locations located within the disturbed area perimeter on the left fork of C Canyon above the mine. Well vegetated topsoil piles and a silt fence provide added protection from the potential loss of topsoil. A test plot above the topsoil pile was also observed.

#### **4A. HYDROLOGIC BALANCE: DIVERSIONS**

All diversions appeared to capable of functioning as designed. Several ditches have a need to be redefined, due to silt buildup in the channels. This will be an ongoing maintenance item until the filled areas have compacted and erosion protection can be reestablished on the fill areas and cut banks.

#### **4B. HYDROLOGIC BALANCE: SEDIMENT PONDS AND IMPOUNDMENTS**

The upper pond had about two feet of water. It was not discharging. The lower pond was dry.

#### **4C. HYDROLOGIC BALANCE: OTHER SEDIMENT CONTROL MEASURES**

The site currently has two approved ASCA's, with a third (the West Ridge pump house area) undergoing the permitting process. The first is the primary topsoil storage area mentioned above; the second is the office pad area located SW of, but immediately adjacent to, the dual cell sediment pond. The treatment is straw bales and silt fences.

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**5. EXPLOSIVES**

The permittee's general liability insurance, which is effective through July 1, 2001, provides for coverage relative to usage of explosives at the site.

**16B. ROADS: DRAINAGE CONTROLS**

As noted in the August, 2000 inspection report for the site, road drainage was reporting under the Jersey barriers located at the head of the slope directly above the ENE end of the truck loading loop. The permittee has placed earth material at the base of the guard barriers in this area to redirect flows away from the fill slope. This will prevent additional cutting of these rills. The permittee has also raked the rills which were felt to be significant. The maintenance was still effective.

**18. SUPPORT FACILITIES/UTILITY INSTALLATIONS**

The permittee has installed a bulk storage tank (approximately 10,000 gallon) for magnesium chloride on the upper level storage pad. Mr. Glasson has been instructed to include this addition to the surface facilities map when Map 5-5, Revision #8 is submitted with the next round of "As-builts".

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



Wm. J. Malencik #26

Date: October 26, 2000

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

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