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March 1, 2000

CERTIFIED RETURN RECEIPT
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Mike Glasson, Environmental Coordinator
West Ridge Resources, Inc.
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Re: Proposed Assessment for State Cessation Order No. FTACO 2000-46-1-1A-0, West Ridge Resources, West Ridge Mine, ACT007/041, Compliance File

Dear Mr. Glasson :

The undersigned has been appointed by the Division of Oil, Gas & Mining as the Assessment Officer for assessing penalties under R645-401.

Enclosed is the proposed civil penalty assessment for the above referenced FTACO (failure to abate cessation order). This CO was issued by Division Inspector Peter H. Hess on February 14, 2000. Rule R645-401-600 et. seq. has been utilized to formulate the proposed penalty. By these rules, any written information which was submitted by you or your agent within fifteen (15) days of receipt of this CO has been considered in determining the facts surrounding this CO and the amount of this penalty.

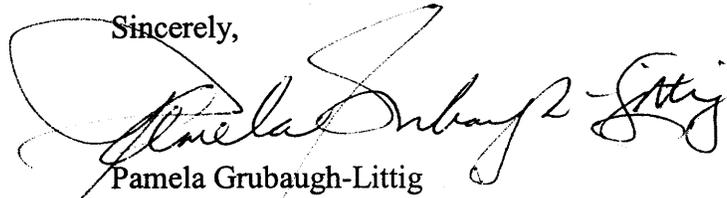
Under R645-401-700, there are two informal appeal options available to you:

1. If you wish to informally appeal the fact of this CO, you should file a written request for an Informal Conference within 30 days of receipt of this letter. This conference will be conducted by the Division Director. This Informal Conference is distinct from the Assessment Conference regarding the proposed penalty.
2. If you wish to review the proposed penalty assessment, you should file a written request for an Assessment Conference within thirty (30) days of receipt of this letter. If you are also requesting a review of the fact of violation, as noted in paragraph 1, the assessment conference will be scheduled immediately following that review.

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If a timely request for review is not made, the fact of the CO will stand. The proposed penalty(ies) will become final, and the penalty(ies) will be due and payable within thirty (30) days of the proposed assessment. Please remit payment to the Division, mail c/o Tiffini Moss.

Sincerely,



Pamela Grubaugh-Littig
Assessment Officer

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Enclosure
cc: James Fulton, OSM
Tiffini Moss, DOGM
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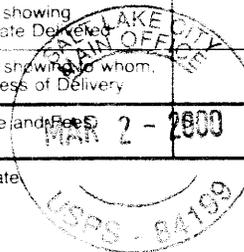
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WORKSHEET FOR ASSESSMENT OF PENALTIES
DIVISION OF OIL, GAS & MINING

COMPANY/ MINE West Ridge Resources, Inc., West Ridge Mine

CO # Failure To Abate, FTA/CO2000-46-1-1A-0 PERMIT ACT/007/041

ASSESSMENT DATE 2-18-2000 ASSESSMENT OFFICER Pamela Grubaugh-Littig

I. HISTORY (Max. 25 pts.)

A. Are there previous violations, which are not pending or vacated, which fall one (1) year of today's date?

PREVIOUS VIOLATIONS	EFFECTIVE DATE	POINTS
<u>N99-46-1-1</u>	<u>8-9-99</u>	<u>1</u>

1 point for each past violation, up to one (1) year
5 points for each past violation in a CO, up to one (1) year
No pending notices shall be counted

TOTAL HISTORY POINTS 1

II. SERIOUSNESS (Either A or B)

NOTE: For assignment of points in Parts II and III, the following apply:

1. Based on facts supplied by the inspector, the Assessment Officer will determine within each category the violation falls.
2. Beginning at the mid-point of the category, the Assessment Officer will adjust the points up or down, utilizing the inspector's and operator's statements as guiding documents.

Is this an EVENT (A) or HINDRANCE (B) violation? A

A. EVENT VIOLATION (Max 45 pts.)

1. What is the event which the violated standard was designed to prevent?

Conducting coal mining reclamation operations outside the permit area which had been cited the week before per CO2000-46-1-1.
2. What is the probability of the occurrence of the event which a violated standard was designed to prevent?

<u>PROBABILITY</u>	<u>RANGE</u>
None	0
Unlikely	1-9
Likely	10-19
Occurred	20

ASSIGN PROBABILITY OF OCCURRENCE POINTS 20

PROVIDE AN EXPLANATION OF POINTS:

3. What is the extent of potential damage? RANGE 0-25

In assigning points, consider the duration and extent of said damage or impact, in terms of area and impact on the public or environment.

ASSIGN DAMAGE POINTS 5

PROVIDE AN EXPLANATION OF POINTS:

The public was impacted by denial of access on a public road.

B. HINDRANCE VIOLATION (Max 25 pts.)

1. Is this a POTENTIAL or ACTUAL hindrance to enforcement? _____
RANGE 0-25

Assign points based on the extent to which enforcement is actually or potentially hindered by the violation.

ASSIGN HINDRANCE POINTS _____

PROVIDE AN EXPLANATION OF POINTS:

TOTAL SERIOUSNESS POINTS (A OR B) 25

III. NEGLIGENCE (Max 30 pts.)

A. Was this an inadvertent violation which was unavoidable by the exercise of reasonable care? IF SO--NO NEGLIGENCE: or was this a failure of a permittee to prevent the occurrence of a violation due to indifference lack of diligence, or lack of reasonable care, or the failure to abate any violation due to the same? IF SO--GREATER DEGREE OF FAULT THAN NEGLIGENCE.

No Negligence	0
Negligence	1-15
Greater Degree of Fault	16-30

STATE DEGREE OF NEGLIGENCE Greater Degree of Fault

ASSIGN NEGLIGENCE POINTS 30

PROVIDE AN EXPLANATION OF POINTS:

This action was knowing and wilful, because the activity was cited in CO2000-46-1-1, issued February 7, 2000.

IV. GOOD FAITH (Max 20 pts.)

(Either A or B)

(Does not apply to violations requiring no abatement measures)

A. Did the operator have onsite, the resources necessary to achieve compliance of the violated standard within the permit area?

IF SO--EASY ABATEMENT

Easy Abatement Situation

- Immediate Compliance -11 to -20*
(Immediately following the issuance of the NOV)
- Rapid Compliance -1 to -10
(Permittee used diligence to abate the violation)
- Normal Compliance 0
(Operator complied within the abatement period required)
(Operator complied with condition and/or terms of approved Mining and Reclamation Plan)

* Assign in upper of lower half of range depending on abatement occurring the 1st or 2nd half of abatement period.

B. Did the permittee not have the resources at hand to achieve compliance, or does the situation require the submission of plans prior to physical activity to achieve compliance?

IF SO--DIFFICULT ABATEMENT

Difficult Abatement Situation

- Rapid Compliance -11 to -20*
(Permittee used diligence to abate the violation)
- Normal Compliance -1 to -10*
(Operator complied within the abatement period required)
- Extended Compliance 0
(Permittee took minimal actions for abatement to stay within the limits of the NOV or the violated standard of the plan submitted for abatement was incomplete)
(Permittee complied with conditions and/or terms of approved Mining and Reclamation Plan)

EASY OR DIFFICULT ABATEMENT? _____

ASSIGN GOOD FAITH POINTS 0

PROVIDE AN EXPLANATION OF POINTS:

V. ASSESSMENT SUMMARY

NOTICE OF VIOLATION C2000-46-1-1A-0	
I.	TOTAL HISTORY POINTS <u>1</u>
II.	TOTAL SERIOUSNESS POINTS <u>25</u>
III.	TOTAL NEGLIGENCE POINTS <u>30</u>
IV.	TOTAL GOOD FAITH POINTS <u>0</u>
	TOTAL ASSESSED POINTS <u>56</u>
	TOTAL ASSESSED FINE <u>\$ 1,240.00</u>

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cc: Tiffini Moss, DOGM

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