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TO: [REDACTED]

FROM: Gregg A. Galecki, Reclamation Specialist *GA*

RE: Operator Response to 4<sup>th</sup> Quarter 1999 and 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter Water Monitoring deficiencies email, West Ridge Resources Inc., West Ridge Mine. [REDACTED]

The attached memo was from Mike Glasson on January 10, 2001, received by Gregg Galecki in response to the second e-mail requesting a response to deficiencies found in the data submittal.

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**From:** "Mike Glasson" <mglasson@andalex.com>  
**To:** <nrogm.ggalecki@state.ut.us>  
**Date:** 1/10/01 8:06AM  
**Subject:** Re: Fwd: West Ridge 4th Qtr 1999 and 1st Qtr 2000 watermonitoringdata

My apologies. I contacted Karla Knoop immediately after your first message and she responded as soon as she was back in her office during the holidays. I asked her to send me an email which I could forward to you, which she did, and apparently I failed to forward it or it didn't go through. In any case the attached is JBR's response to your question. Please note that her response is dated 12/28

>>> "Gregg Galecki" <nrogm.ggalecki@state.ut.us> 01/10/01 07:47AM >>>

It has been exactly 3 weeks since I requested some missing data for the West Ridge Mine. I have attached the original email describing the details. A response as to the status of the request would be appreciated.

If you have any questions, you can call me @ (801) 538-5260.

Mike,

In response to the recent questions regarding West Ridge 4th quarter, 1999 and 1st quarter, 2000 water monitoring, please note the following:

1. West Ridge did not begin submitting monitoring reports electronically until the second quarter of 2000. Prior to that time, JBR submitted hard copy field summaries and lab data reports to West Ridge, and West Ridge forwarded those hard copies to UDOGM. No electronic files were prepared by the contract laboratory, by JBR, or by West Ridge prior to that time. To date, the only information that West Ridge (via JBR) has submitted to UDOGM through the electronic database system is from the 2nd quarter of 2000 and the 3rd quarter of 2000. When lab reports from the 4th quarter of 2000 are received, those data will also be submitted electronically.
2. In the 4th quarter, 1999 hard copy submittal, all sites were addressed, including the sites that were dry, namely ST-4, ST-5, ST-6, ST-6a, and ST-7. The submitted reports properly indicate the date and time of the visits, and report that the sites were dry, as was true.
3. Similarly, in the 1st quarter, 2000 hard copy submittal, all sites were addressed; and not all of them were reported as inaccessible as seems to be indicated in UDOGM's comments. Specifically, the sites in the vicinity of the mine (ST-5, ST-6, and ST-6a) were visited and the submitted reports properly indicate the date and time of the visits, and report that the sites were dry, as was true. Sites ST-4 and ST-7, further away from the mine, were also visited and reported as dry. Any other sites for which inaccessible was reported were truly inaccessible under any type of safe means of transport.
4. Any West Ridge information in UDOGM's data base from any time period other than the 2nd quarter, 2000 or the 3rd quarter, 2000 has been entered by UDOGM themselves. Therefore, we do not have control, or necessarily even knowledge, of which sites they choose to enter or which they choose to leave out. It appears that they chose to either only enter the 4th quarter 1999 and the 1st quarter, 2000 data for sites for which lab reports were available, or that they assumed that there was no difference in dry sites versus inaccessible sites.

In summary, please note that, for the two quarters in question, hard copy submittals to UDOGM contained all relevant and accurate information for all of the monitoring sites. We do not know what UDOGM chose to do with those hard copy submittals once they received them. For the last two quarters, which we have submitted electronically, all data from all sites, including those which were dry or inaccessible, were reported completely and accurately.

Let me know if you'd like me to send you additional copies of the two hard copy submittals for 4th quarter,