



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: 01/01/2001 / 9:00a.m.-2:30p.m.
Date of Last Inspection: 12/20/2000

Mine Name: West Ridge Mine County: Carbon Permit Number: C07041
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: Clear, Cold 10 degrees, mine site
Existing Acreage: Permitted 2660.27 Disturbed 26.5 Regraded _____ Seeded _____
Status: Active XXX

REVIEW OF PERMIT, PERFORMANCE STANDARDS & PERMIT CONDITION REQUIREMENTS

- Substantiate the elements on this inspection by checking the appropriate performance standard.
 - 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.
 - For partial inspections check only the elements evaluated.
- Document any noncompliance situation by referencing the NOV issued at the appropriate performance standard listed below.
- Reference any narratives written in conjunction with this inspection at the appropriate performance standard listed below.
- Provide a brief status report for all pending enforcement actions, permit conditions, Division Orders, and amendments.

	EVALUATED	N/A	COMMENTS	NOV/ENF
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 checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
4. HYDROLOGIC BALANCE:				
a. DIVERSIONS	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" 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 checked="" 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
7. COAL MINE WASTE/REFUSE PILES/IMPOUNDMENTS	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input 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 ISSUES	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
10. SLIDES AND OTHER DAMAGE	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
11. CONTEMPORANEOUS RECLAMATION	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
12. BACKFILLING AND GRADING	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
13. REVEGETATION	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
14. SUBSIDENCE CONTROL	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
15. CESSATION OF OPERATIONS	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
16. ROADS:				
a. CONSTRUCTION/MAINTENANCE/SURFACING	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
b. DRAINAGE CONTROLS	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
19. AVS CHECK (4 th Quarter- April, May, June)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" 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"/>
22. OTHER: SPCC PLAN	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

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(COMMENTS ARE NUMBERED TO CORRESPOND WITH TOPICS LISTED ABOVE)

GENERAL COMMENTS

A complete inspection of the West Ridge Mine was completed on January 30, 2001. A violation was issued on November 27, 2000. West Ridge has requested a fact of violation hearing and an assessment conference. No violations were issued as a result of the instant inspection.

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

- Leases of record includes BLM/SLC 068754 & UD1215.
- DOGM permit covers 2,660 acres and was issued on May 26, 2000 and expires April 1, 2004..
- DOGM special condition on protection of topsoil under the pad. This has been approved by the Division.
- Air Quality Order approved on January 14, 1999.
- UPDES permit is effective until April 30, 2005.
- Bond and reclamation agreement are on file for \$2,117,000.

2. **SIGNS AND MARKERS**

The mine has erected ID signs and markers on the disturbed area, topsoil, and buffer zone appropriate areas. This meets the Utah Coal rule requirements.

3. **TOPSOIL**

There are four topsoil marked piles. One drains into the undisturbed culvert. One drains on the upper end into the undisturbed culvert and the bottom to the sediment pond. The third drains into a pond. All have silt fence protection. The fourth is buried under the pad as an experimental practice.

4A. **HYDROLOGIC BALANCE: DIVERSIONS**

All diversions are designed and shown on the required maps. The diversions all were observed and met the Utah Coal Rules.

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

The mine has two cells contiguous to sediment pond. The fourth quarter inspection was conducted on 11/28/2000. Annual report was also prepared on 11/28/2000.

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4C. HYDROLOGIC BALANCE: OTHER SEDIMENT CONTROL MEASURES

There are four BTCA areas. This included the topsoil pile, pumphouse, the pad, and road ditch outslope. The topsoil treatment is silt fences. The pumphouse sediment control is graveled inside the fence, and roughened and seeded outside the fence. The straw bales and silt fences are currently on the cutslope and pad, respectively. The control measures are effective and meet the Utah Coal Rules.

4D. HYDROLOGIC BALANCE: WATER MONITORING

The fourth quarter water monitoring report has been entered into the data base. This included thirteen stations and two sites were not accessible. Reviewed the report and it meets the Utah Coal Rules.

4E. HYDROLOGIC BALANCE: EFFLUENT LIMITATIONS

Monthly reports are submitted for the month of December, December 1-31. The current permit is effective until April 30, 2003 and covers two discharge points, surface pond discharge 001, and mine water. The December report showed no discharges.

8. NONCOAL WASTE

The mine site was clean of non-coal waste. The approved areas for non-coal waste are of record and included in the MRP.

14. SUBSIDENCE CONTROL

Mr. Glasson informed me that last summer they placed survey subsidence markers to determine the amount of subsidence. These results will be part of the coming annual report.

16A. ROADS: CONSTRUCTION/MAINTENANCE/SURFACING

According to the records, 1,960 feet of county road above the gate is also in the approved permit area. The road is designed and included in the approved and documented in the MRP. All roads were in good shape. The definition of a road includes the right-of-way, and includes, by definition, the road and appurtenances, including the drainages.

16B. ROADS: DRAINAGE CONTROLS

The road areas all drain into the pond except for the BTCA area which is mentioned above.

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18. SUPPORT FACILITIES/UTILITY INSTALLATIONS

In C/007/041-AM00G, pumphouse amendment was due 01/16/2001. A violation was issued for the pumphouse, since the operator did not meet the 11/1/2000 due date.

A violation was issued on 11/27/2000. The matter is now waiting for a fact of violation hearing and an assessment conference.

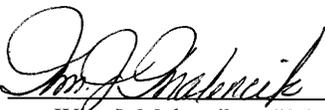
21. BONDING AND INSURANCE

Documents are in the mine file and cover the period 7/01/2000 to 7/01/2001 for liability insurance. The bond on 26.5 acres of disturbance is for \$2,117,000.

22. OTHER: SPCC PLAN

The SPCC Plan has been updated. This was re-certified on 12/28/2000 (copy attached).

Inspector's Signature: _____


Wm. J. Malencik #26

Date: February 2, 2001

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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cc: James Fulton, OSM
Mike Glasson, West Ridge
Price Field office

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**WEST RIDGE MINE
SPILL PREVENTION CONTROL AND COUNTERMEASURE PLAN (SPCC)
40 CFR 112.7**

I certify that the Spill Prevention Control And Countermeasure Plan (SPCC) has been prepared under my direction and in accordance with applicable regulations and prudent engineering practices. Designs presented in this plan meet or exceed associated performance standards.

