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INSPECTION REPORT

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Partial: XXX Complete: Exploration:
Inspection Date & Time: 05/02/2001 / 11:00a.m.-3:30p.m.
Date of Last Inspection: 04/09/2001

Mine Name: West Ridge Mine County: Carbon Permit Number: C/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
State Official(s): Bill Malencik Federal Official(s): None
Weather Conditions: Cloudy, Snowing at the mine site, Temp 30's
Existing Acreage: Permitted 2660.27 Disturbed 26.19 Regraded Seeded
Status: Active XXX

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 4 columns: EVALUATED, N/A, COMMENTS, NOV/ENF. Rows include categories like PERMITS, CHANGE, TRANSFER, RENEWAL, SALE; SIGNS AND MARKERS; TOPSOIL; HYDROLOGIC BALANCE; EXPLOSIVES; DISPOSAL OF EXCESS SPOIL/FILLS/BENCHES; COAL MINE WASTE/REFUSE PILES/IMPOUNDMENTS; NONCOAL WASTE; PROTECTION OF FISH, WILDLIFE AND RELATED ENVIRONMENTAL ISSUES; SLIDES AND OTHER DAMAGE; CONTEMPORANEOUS RECLAMATION; BACKFILLING AND GRADING; REVEGETATION; SUBSIDENCE CONTROL; CESSATION OF OPERATIONS; ROADS; OTHER TRANSPORTATION FACILITIES; SUPPORT FACILITIES/UTILITY INSTALLATIONS; AVS CHECK; AIR QUALITY PERMIT; BONDING & INSURANCE.

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( COMMENTS ARE NUMBERED TO CORRESPOND WITH TOPICS LISTED ABOVE )

### GENERAL COMMENTS

A partial inspection was completed of the West Ridge Mine on 4/9/2001. The bathhouse is completed. It is currently being utilized by the coal mines. Discussed this matter with Mr. Glasson and he stated he would get Dan Guy to do the work on the as-builts as requested by the Division.

The office building is nearly complete on the exterior. All the framing is done on the inside including insulation. It is a frame type of construction. The county has issued the permits for both buildings. It is anticipated that the office building will be completed by the end of May.

The only remaining building will be the warehouse. The plans on the warehouse were being reviewed by a group of West Ridge employees. The bid opening date was tentatively set for May 11, 2001.

NOV N00-26-1-1 is pending on an assessment conference and fact of violation hearing; it is scheduled for 3/16/2001. At the hearing, the assessment officer vacated the NOV. We are still waiting for the hearing examiner's decision so we can terminate the NOV.

There was a skiff of fresh snow at the mine site.

### **2. SIGNS AND MARKERS**

Mine and permit ID signs are located in two places. The first is by the gate and contains all the required information. The second is by the pumphouse and it too contains all the required information. The disturbed area, stream buffer zone, and topsoil pile were observed. This meets the requirements of the coal rules.

### **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. The protection provided meets the coal rules.

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

The mine site had skiff of snow. No water was observed in any of the diversions. This meets the requirements of the coal rules.

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

The mine has two cells contiguous to sediment pond. The bottom cell was nearly dry. The upper cell was at 25% of the total runoff capacity.

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

There are four BTCA areas. This includes the topsoil pile, pumphouse, the pad, and road ditch outslope. The topsoil treatment is silt fences. The pumphouse sediment control is gravel and the reclaimed area outside of the fence is roughened. The straw bales and silt fences are currently on the cutslope. The straw bales on the upper end have small piping holes. The lower ones in the same ditch do not have piping holes and meet the coal rules. Mike committed to repair these and they were repaired on 05/07/2001.

**4D. HYDROLOGIC BALANCE: WATER MONITORING**

These are the sites at West Ridge. Springs: SP-8, 12, 13, 15, 16, WR-1, and WR-2. Wells: HH-86-2. Streams: ST-3, 4, 5, 6, 6A, 7, and 8.

On the first quarter, the information was checked by Ms. Knoop and it has been approved by Mr. Glasson.

On the second quarter Ms. Knoop stated that she would be doing the water monitoring beginning the week of May 14, 2001.

**4E. HYDROLOGIC BALANCE: EFFLUENT LIMITATIONS**

There was a small amount of oil spillage and the operator stated he would clean it up. This was cleaned up on 05/07/2001.

**8. NONCOAL WASTE**

The mine site was clean of non-coal waste. The storage areas for non-coal waste is confined to the upper pad. Asked Mr. Glasson about trash barrels by the bath house. At all active mines that I inspect, miners drop cups, cans and other small items. He would discuss this with the West Ridge Management.

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



Wm. J. Malencik #26

Date: May 9, 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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