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CERTIFIED RETURN RECEIPT

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Mike Glasson, Environment Coordinator  
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P.O. Box 902  
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Re: Proposed Assessment for State Violation No. N00-26-1-1, West Ridge Resources, Inc.,  
West Ridge Mine, C-27041, 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 violation. The violation was issued by Division Inspector William Malencik, on November 27, 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 your or your agent within fifteen (15) days of receipt of the Notice of Violation has been considered in determining the facts surrounding the violation and the amount of penalty.

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

1. If you wish to informally appeal the fact of violation, 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 30 days of receipt of