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Mike Glasson, Environmental Coordinator
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Re: Return of Information Submitted for Division Order, West Ridge Resources, Inc., West Ridge Mine, [REDACTED] DO00A, [REDACTED]

Dear Mr. Glasson:

The Division issued C/007/041-DO00A on June 27, 2000 due to concerns about the reclaimability of the recently constructed highwall at the West Ridge Mine. This Division Order required the permittee to submit "as-built" designs for the surface facilities area, including information relative to "as-built" maps of the site, a slope stability analysis and a detailed reclamation plan for the highwall area, and "as-constructed" designs for the hydrologic requirements of the site.

On July 14, 2000, the UDNR/OGM received a response to Division Order DO00A-1 that dealt with as-built drawings and slope stability analyses for the West Ridge Mine. Additional material relative to the hydrology regime of the mining and reclamation plan was received in a follow up submittal on September 18, 2000. The Division completed a deficiency review of all information received up to that point on November 30, 2000.

Your response to the November 30, 2000 deficiency document on March 16, 2001. Based on a preliminary review by Division staff, there are concerns relative to the hydrologic review as well as the slope stability of the reclaimed highwall area which had been *specifically identified* in the Division's November 30, 2000 deficiency document and have not been addressed.

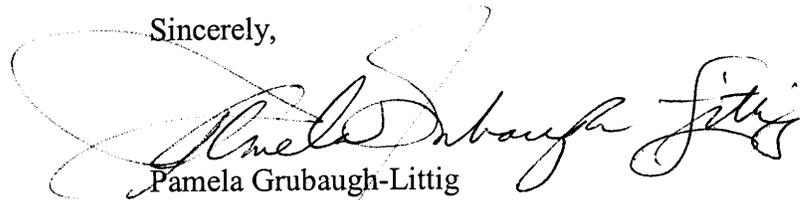
The March 16, 2001 response *failed* to provide critical information, which was specifically requested relative to the reclaimability of the highwall area and merely indicated that certain missing information will be provided as it becomes available. Additionally, no additional information has been received relative to the stability analysis of the highwall. Nor were there comments to when that same missing information might be provided, or commitments to any specific method to be followed in order obtain that information.

One of the conditions of the initial permit issuance was that the applicant "demonstrate that reclamation as required by the State Program can be accomplished according to information given in the permit application". At the time of permit issuance, this finding was made. However, with the changes on-the ground, this finding is questionable and to date, the permittee has not addressed to the satisfaction of the Division that this finding can be made.

It is very important for West Ridge Resources to submit all of the required information (complete and adequate) within 45 days of the receipt of this letter. Otherwise, a potential compliance situation may exist.

If you have any questions or need clarification about any part of the review, please call me at (801) 538-5268 or Pete Hess at (435) 613-5622.

Sincerely,



Pamela Grubaugh-Littig
Permit Supervisor

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