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**Re: Request for Extension of NOV 02-49-2-1 Abatement, West Ridge Mine, C007/041**

Dear Sirs:

WEST RIDGE Resources is requesting an extension to the abatement date for the above NOV. The abatement requires either a permit change to allow discharge into the mine pond or the discharge of the mine water into its permitted outfall. We are preparing a permit change to be submitted on December 19 to allow the discharge into the sediment pond. Due to the small volume and anticipated occasional suspended solids' exceedences our plan to discharge into the permitted outfall will need a small filtering system. The DWQ has informed me that they will need to approve the filtering system. Due to the needed approvals of both of the above actions additional time is needed for the abatement period. At least a 30-day extension would be helpful.

Thank you for your consideration and please call if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

Gary E. Gray  
Engineer/Resident Agent