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INSPECTION REPORT

Partial XXX Complete Exploration
Inspection Date: 04/09/2002 / Time: 9:15 - 11:15
Date of Last Inspection: 03/14/2002

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
Company Official(s): Gary Gray & Ron Anderson
State Official(s): Karl R. Houskeeper Federal Official(s): None
Weather Conditions: Clear, Temp 55 - 60°F
Type of Mining Activity: Underground XXX Surface Prep Plant Other
Existing Acreage: Permitted 4307.63 Disturbed 29.06 Regraded Seeded
Status: Active

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 5 columns: EVALUATED, N/A, COMMENTS, NOV/ENF. Rows include categories like PERMITS, CHANGE, TRANSFER, RENEWAL, SALE; SIGNS AND MARKERS; TOPSOIL; HYDROLOGIC BALANCE; DIVERSIONS; SEDIMENT PONDS AND IMPOUNDMENTS; etc.

INSPECTION REPORT
(Continuation Sheet)

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(COMMENTS ARE NUMBERED TO CORRESPOND WITH TOPICS LISTED ABOVE)

1. PERMITS, CHANGE, TRANSFER, RENEWAL, SALE

Reviewed the SPCC Plan for the West Ridge Mine. The Plan was dated December 28, 2000 and certified by a registered professional engineer on the same date. The SPCC Plan indicates that the Fuel storage area has a Total Containment Structure. Spillage from the oil and grease storage site will be contained within an impervious containment structure. Runoff from the site would flow to the sediment pond as a secondary measure of containment.

A field inspection of the Fuel, Oil and Grease storage areas was conducted during this partial inspection. The oil storage area has a concrete floor within a covered building. There is no barrier to prevent flow out of the building in the event of a spill. Minor spills have been absorbed with absorbent material. The Fuel storage area has concrete walls and a concrete floor.

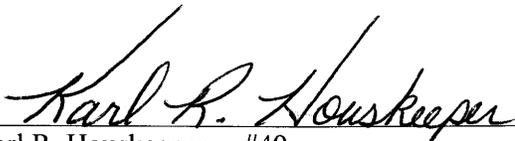
4A. HYDROLOGIC BALANCE: DIVERSIONS

NOV NO. N02-49-1-1 is still active with an extended abatement date of April 19, 2002. The operator has submitted information to the Division that if approved, as submitted, would not require any on-ground remediation. To date no on-ground remediation of the NOV has been done.

Checked diversions DD-6 and DD-8A as designated and indicated in the response to the Division Order DO00A. Division Order DO00A is still pending and has not been approved by the Division. These two diversions are the only diversions indicated in the operator response to the referenced NOV as needing to have protection. In this response, bedrock is indicated as the lining utilized for DD-6. DD-6 contains bedrock material of a sandstone/silt stone on the left side looking upstream. Some under-cutting of this material is evident and questions arise as to its competency. The bottom and right side of DD-6 looking upstream are of fill material and are not armored with riprap or concrete, which does not provide adequate protection of this diversion. DD-8 is armored with riprap. The riprap has been in place for some time as evidenced by staining. The design and construction of DD-8 should be evaluated by a Division Hydrologist to make sure it meets the appropriate requirements.

4B. HYDROLOGIC BALANCE: SEDIMENT PONDS AND IMPOUNDMENTS

Both cells of the sediment pond are required to have sediment markers placed in them as indicated in the approved MRP. These markers were noted in the midterm review as not conforming to the MRP. The snow and ice on top of the cells has melted and the operator committed to having these markers installed prior to the next inspection.

Inspector's Signature:  Date: April 10, 2002
Karl R. Houskeeper #49

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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