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INSPECTION REPORT

Partial XXX Complete \_\_\_ Exploration \_\_\_
Inspection Date: 12/19/2002/ Time: 9:30 - 11:00
Date of Last Inspection: 11/15 & 19/2002

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 1077, Price, Utah 84501
Company Official(s): Gary Gray
State Official(s): Karl R. Houskeeper Federal Official(s): None
Weather Conditions: Partly Cloudy, Temp 30°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: Item, EVALUATED, N/A, COMMENTS, NOV/ENF. Rows include categories like PERMITS, TOPSOIL, HYDROLOGIC BALANCE, etc.

**INSPECTION REPORT**  
(Continuation Sheet)

PERMIT NUMBER: C/007/041

DATE OF INSPECTION: 12/19/2002

(COMMENTS ARE NUMBERED TO CORRESPOND WITH TOPICS LISTED ABOVE)

**GENERAL COMMENTS**

West Ridge Resources, Inc. requested an extension for NOV NO.02-49-2-1 by letter dated December 17, 2002. NOV NO. 02-49-2-1 was modified on December 19, 2002 granting an additional 32 days to comply with the NOV. The abatement date is now listed as January 20, 2003 on the modification. Additional time was allotted to allow the operator to submit plans relative to storing mine water into the existing sediment pond and using the surface culverts and diversions to convey that water to the sediment pond. The operator has also investigated a filtering system that would allow them to discharge out of the officially approved mine water outfall 002 and meet effluent requirements.

Present indications are that the operator plans to utilize both methods described above until a large underground sump can be constructed. The timeline for the underground sump is at least two years in the future. The remedies prescribed above will require evaluation and approval by the Division and DEQ.

**2. SIGNS AND MARKERS**

The mine ID sign located at the pump house has been updated to indicate the new address. The mine ID sign at the entrance to the mine from the public road was in place and contained the proper information. All of the other signs and markers observed during the inspection complied with the coal rules.

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

Sediment markers have been installed in the lower cell of the sediment pond since the previous inspection. The upper cell of the sediment pond still contains mine water. It is evident that the mine water elevation has only been to the base of the 60% sediment marker. This evidence was ascertained from the frozen ice-capped surface that has now dropped showing tension cracks in the ice surface.

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

Third quarter 2002 water monitoring information is in the EDI website and is uploaded. Water monitoring is current.

**8. NONCOAL WASTE**

The noncoal waste at the mine site is been contained and handled according to the approved mining and reclamation plan.

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

*Karl R. Houskeeper*  
Karl R. Houskeeper #49

Date: December 19, 2002

**Note:** This inspection report does not constitute an affidavit of compliance with the regulatory program of the Division of Oil, Gas & Mining.

cc: James Fulton, OSM  
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