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Re: Extension Request for Proposed Highwall Reclamation Plan, West Ridge Mine, Permit C007/041

Dear Sirs:

WEST RIDGE Resources, Inc. is requesting an extension of approximately 30 days to the due date of January 21, 2003 for the submittal addressing all concerns for the above plan. With the serious illnesses of some personnel on our end, the end of the year holidays and vacations, and some additional sampling and analysis decisions, the additional time is needed. I have e-mailed this request to you with an attached letter from Jim Cremeens of Agapito Associates explaining the new sampling and analysis and his plan of attack for the submittal. He will be sending you a hard copy by mail as I will this letter. Also Dan Guy is working on the alternative scenario which will be submitted as a new Appendix. This should have the comparisons that you need. With Dan Guy doing the alternative scenario, Agapito should be able to complete their analysis in a timely fashion. Perhaps we should think of setting up a meeting prior to submittal to see if all items have been addressed and if any other questions have arisen. If you have questions about Agapito's plan of attack, please let me know.

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

Sincerely,

Gary E. Gray
Engineer/Agent

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