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**Re: Mine Water NOV Permit Change TA Response, West Ridge Mine,
Permit C007/041**

Dear Sirs:

WEST RIDGE Resources, Inc. is submitting its response to the Division's TA of the Mine Water NOV Permit Change Application.

The changes made in the submittal due to the TA are described in the attached page.

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

Sincerely,

Gary E. Gray
Engineer/Agent

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Mine Water NOV Permit Change Technical Analysis Deficiencies

1. The pagination errors and other errors have been corrected by Dan Guy.
2. The Appendix 7-4 Tables have been corrected to current date and indicated "as-built".
3. The climatological data year 2002 will be submitted in the annual report.
4. The commitment that 'any emulsion fluid spill underground would go to an underground sump where water is stored and reused underground' is still valid. The small sumps on the NW side of the mains, except for the bottom most sump and the two main sumps at the portals, are used for this purpose.
5. The current capacity of the pump discharging into ditch DD-5 is 230 gpm. The nature of pumps is that this volume can not be higher without lowering the head. We can not change the elevations which make up the static head.
6. The water line routing from the fan portal to DD-5 is shown on Plate 7-2.
7. The use of the lower cell for mine water storage has been eliminated from the proposal which takes care of the comments of item 3, page 9 and item 5, page 10.
8. The walkway to UPDES 001 will be constructed when the weather warms up.
9. Plate 7-2 has the location of UPDES 002 identified.
10. The area below ASCA W is part of the county road.
11. The water level in the pond will be monitored and the level maintained no higher than designated.
12. The dead storage use of the upper cell of the pond for mine water will not affect the storm water storage. The dead storage volume of the pond is the volume used for sediment. As sediment builds up we will have less dead storage for mine water. The use of the upper cell of the pond for mine water storage is to be considered as a short term temporary use or an underground emergency use. The current volume of water is very small. When the filtering system being investigated is installed within the next few months then the use of the pond for mine water storage will be used sparingly.
13. Pages 7-33, 34 and 36 have been changed to reflect the storage of mine water in the sediment pond

APPLICATION FOR PERMIT PROCESSING

<input type="checkbox"/> Permit Change	<input type="checkbox"/> New Permit	<input type="checkbox"/> Renewal	<input type="checkbox"/> Transfer	<input type="checkbox"/> Exploration	<input type="checkbox"/> Bond Release	Permit Number: C/007/041
Title of Proposal: Mine Water NOV TA Response						Mine: WEST RIDGE
						Permittee: WEST RIDGE Resources, Inc.

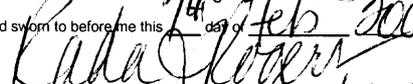
Description, include reason for application and timing required to implement: Response to TA of Permit Change to abate the Mine Water NOV. Abatement date is set for February 18.

Instructions: If you answer yes to any of the first 8 questions (gray), submit the application to the Salt Lake Office. Otherwise, you may submit it to your reclamation specialist.

<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No	1. Change in the size of the Permit Area? _____ acres Disturbed Area? _____ acres <input type="checkbox"/> increase <input type="checkbox"/> decrease.
<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No	2. Is the application submitted as a result of a Division Order?
<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No	3. Does application include operations outside a previously identified Cumulative Hydrologic Impact Area?
<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No	4. Does application include operations in hydrologic basins other than as currently approved?
<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No	5. Does application result from cancellation, reduction or increase of insurance or reclamation bond?
<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No	6. Does the application require or include public notice/publication?
<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No	7. Does the application require or include ownership, control, right-of-entry, or compliance information?
<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No	8. Is proposed activity within 100 feet of a public road or cemetery or 300 feet of an occupied dwelling?
<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No	9. Is the application submitted as a result of a Violation?
<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No	10. Is the application submitted as a result of other laws or regulations or policies? Explain:
<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No	11. Does the application affect the surface landowner or change the post mining land use?
<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No	12. Does the application require or include underground design or mine sequence and timing?
<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No	13. Does the application require or include collection and reporting of any baseline information?
<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No	14. Could the application have any effect on wildlife or vegetation outside the current disturbed area?
<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No	15. Does application require or include soil removal, storage or placement?
<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No	16. Does the application require or include vegetation monitoring, removal or revegetation activities?
<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No	17. Does the application require or include construction, modification, or removal of surface facilities?
<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No	18. Does the application require or include water monitoring, sediment or drainage control measures?
<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No	19. Does the application require or include certified designs, maps, or calculations?
<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No	20. Does the application require or include subsidence control or monitoring?
<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No	21. Have reclamation costs for bonding been provided for?
<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No	22. Does application involve a perennial stream, a stream buffer zone or discharges to a stream?
<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No	23. Does the application affect permits issued by other agencies or permits issued to other entities?

Attach 3 complete copies of the application.

I hereby certify that I am a responsible official of the applicant and that the information contained in this application is true and correct to the best of my information and belief in all respects with the laws of Utah in reference to commitments, undertakings, and obligations, herein. (R645-301-123)


 Signed: Rada J. Rogers Name: George E. Gray Position: Eng. Agent Date: 02/07/03
 Subscribed and sworn to before me this 14 day of Feb 2003

 Notary Public
 My Commission Expires: Feb 10/2 06
 Attest: [Signature]
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