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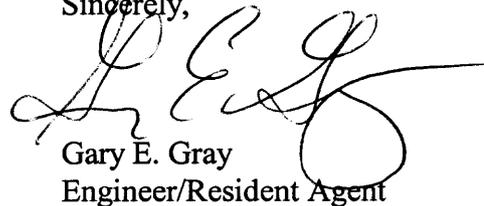
Re: Division Order DO00A, Highwall Reclamation Plan, West Ridge Mine, C007/041

Dear Sirs:

WEST RIDGE Resources is submitting a permit change to reflect additional changes in the Highwall Reclamation Plan as required in the TA of 11/13/2002. These changes are described in the following pages.

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

Sincerely,



Gary E. Gray
Engineer/Resident Agent

cc: Dave Shaver

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In the Introduction to the TA the Division makes the comment that an alternative scenario of a lesser angled backfilled slope be evaluated in order for the Division to make a determination that the continued existence of the experimental practice is environmentally sound. West Ridge is submitting a new Appendix 5-10 for this purpose. The points made in the Appendix are of the environmental kind. Our comments here are otherwise. First, the original reclamation plan was based on a consensus between West Ridge, its consultants, OSM and quite a few Division personnel. Second, a reclamation cost estimate for this has not been prepared, since under this scenario the cost will be considerably reduced. This savings is something that would interest West Ridge if not for the environmental factors. Thirdly, the necessity for determining the continued existence is not really necessary since the permit already has within it contingency plans to reclaim the surface if in fact the test plots show failure or in reclamation it becomes apparent that the experimental practice is not going to work. This is the purpose of the substitute topsoil area that has been permitted.

Comment R645-301-233, Substitute topsoil is not planned to be used in the reclamation of the highwall or of the disturbed area unless during reclamation it becomes necessary due failure of the experimental practice or additional areas or additional soil thickness becomes necessary.

Comment R645-301-233.100, The source of the backfill is identified in the Appendix 5-9, Agapito Report, revised March 2003. It is the fill material around the shop/warehouse down to the portals.

Comment R645-301-242.120, determination of compaction is addressed in Appendix 5-9, Agapito Report, revised March 2003.

Comment R645-301-521.190, West Ridge commits to making these observations in Appendix 5-9, Agapito Report, revised March 2003.

Comment R645-301-541.400, Machinery specs and commitment to PE is addressed in Appendix 5-9, Agapito Report, revised March 2003.

Comment R645-301-542.200 and 512.120, The designs in Appendixes 5-9 and 5-10 have been certified.

Comment R645-301-542.200, The compaction is addressed in Appendix 5-9, Agapito Report, revised March 2003.

Comment R645-301-542.200, The reclamation x-sections reflect the design in Appendix 5-9, Agapito Report, revised March 2003.

Comment R645-301-542.200, The design requirements of Appendix 5-9, Agapito Report, revised March 2003 have been referenced in the MRP.

Comment R645-301-553.130, The source of the backfill and the new test results are included in Appendix 5-9, Agapito Report, revised March 2003.

Comment R645-302.300 and 214, The source of the backfill and the new test results are included in Appendix 5-9, Agapito Report, revised March 2003.

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: Division Order DO005-A Highwall Reclamation Plan						Mine: WEST RIDGE
Revision Dated March 2003						Permittee: WEST RIDGE Resources, Inc.

Description, include reason for application and timing required to implement: **Revise Agapito Report (Appendix 5-9) and address the TA of 11/13/2002**

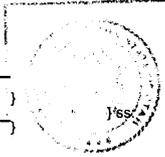
Instructions: *If you answer yes to any of the first 8 questions (gray), submit the application to the Salt Lake Office. Otherwise, you may submit it to your reclamation specialist.*

<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input checked="" 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No	2. Is the application submitted as a result of a Division Order?
<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	3. Does application include operations outside a previously identified Cumulative Hydrologic Impact Area?
<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	4. Does application include operations in hydrologic basins other than as currently approved?
<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	5. Does application result from cancellation, reduction or increase of insurance or reclamation bond?
<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	6. Does the application require or include public notice/publication?
<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	7. Does the application require or include ownership, control, right-of-entry, or compliance information?
<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input checked="" 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	9. Is the application submitted as a result of a Violation?
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No	10. Is the application submitted as a result of other laws or regulations or policies? Explain: DO 005-A
<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	11. Does the application affect the surface landowner or change the post mining land use?
<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	12. Does the application require or include underground design or mine sequence and timing?
<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	13. Does the application require or include collection and reporting of any baseline information?
<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	14. Could the application have any effect on wildlife or vegetation outside the current disturbed area?
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No	15. Does application require or include soil removal, storage or placement?
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No	16. Does the application require or include vegetation monitoring, removal or revegetation activities?
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No	17. Does the application require or include construction, modification, or removal of surface facilities?
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No	18. Does the application require or include water monitoring, sediment or drainage control measures?
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No	19. Does the application require or include certified designs, maps, or calculations?
<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	20. Does the application require or include subsidence control or monitoring?
<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	21. Have reclamation costs for bonding been provided for?
<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	22. Does application involve a perennial stream, a stream buffer zone or discharges to a stream?
<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input checked="" 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 - Name Gary E Gray Position ENGINEER/AGENT Date 3/13/03
 Subscribed and sworn to before me this 13 day of March 2003
 My Commission Expires: 10/2 Attest: 06
 Notary Public Carbon



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