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Mr. Gary Gray, Engineer  
West Ridge Resources, Inc.  
P.O. Box 1077  
Price, Utah 84501

Dear Mr. Gray:

Subject: Reconnaissance Inspection – West Ridge Mine

On June 30, 2005 Dr. Bill Moellmer and I conducted a reconnaissance inspection in regards to the West Ridge Mine and UPDES Permit No. UTG040023. Specifically we discussed your facility's current status of non-compliance with the TDS effluent limitations of your UPDES permit. We also observed the sediment ponds, outfall locations, mine water discharge and receiving waters, for which there were no deficiencies noted. As we discussed, please reply within 30-days of receipt of this letter with your compliance plan for the TDS violations, which may include an application to obtain an individual UPDES permit.

I appreciated your time to facilitate the inspection. Enclosed is a copy of the inspection report for your records. If you have any questions, please contact me at (801) 538-6779 or by e-mail at [jstudenka@utah.gov](mailto:jstudenka@utah.gov).

Sincerely,

Jeff Studenka, Environmental Scientist  
Permits & Compliance Section

Enclosure

cc (w/encl): Darcy O'connor, EPA Region VIII  
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