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Subject: Re: Caving behind the Panel #7 shields

Pete.....According to the mine foreman the cave behind the shields in panel 7 is typical of all the West Ridge panels. It is tight to the shields with no tendency to hang up. The headgate of the cave area normally stays up for 40'-50' due to the cable bolts, as expected. The West Ridge longwall panels have always exhibited a mushy cave (fortunately) without the build-up of energy that we have experienced at Tower. To date Panel 7 is behaving as we have expected. Due to the proximity to Grassy Trail dam we are monitoring the cave closely and will report any developments out of the ordinary.....Dave

>>> "Pete Hess" <petehess@utah.gov> 03/16/06 12:30 PM >>>
Dave...

Have we been checking how well the gob is caving behind the shields, as they are being advanced ? What can be seen behind the jacks, and from the belt entry inby the face ? Thanks.