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May 24, 2006

Mr. Gary Gray, Engineer
West Ridge Resources, Inc.
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Subject: UPDES Inspection – West Ridge Mine (UT0025640)

Dear Mr. Gray:

On May 23, 2006 I met with you and conducted a reconnaissance inspection in regards to the West Ridge Mine and UPDES Permit No. UT0025640 (formerly UTG040023). Specifically we discussed your facility's plan to participate in salinity-offset projects and to develop a storm water pollution prevention plan (SWPPP) to comply with the provisions of your new UPDES permit. I also observed the sediment ponds, outfall locations, mine water discharge and receiving waters, for which there were no deficiencies noted. As we discussed, please notify our office when the SWPPP has been developed as it is required to be in place by May 1, 2006.

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

Sincerely,

Jeff Studenka, Environmental Scientist
UPDES Permits Section

Enclosures

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