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June 20, 2006

**CERTIFIED MAIL  
(Return Receipt Requested)**

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

Dear Mr. Gray:

**Subject:** Utah Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (UPDES)  
Permit Number UT0025640 – West Ridge Mine Facility.

Pursuant to Part I.D.1.b/ of the above referenced UPDES permit for your facility, a determination has been made by the Executive Secretary that the West Ridge Mine Facility (West Ridge) cannot meet the effluent limitations for total dissolved solids (TDS). Specifically, the one (1) ton per day TDS loading limitation as stated in Part I.D.1 of your individual UPDES permit, which became effective on May 1, 2006.

Also included in Part I.D.1.b/ of your UPDES permit, are provisions for participating in salinity-offset projects to account for any and all TDS loadings greater than 1-ton/day. If West Ridge will be participating in salinity-offset projects to fully comply with your UPDES permit, then a Salinity-Offset Project Plan and proof of funding shall be submitted to and approved by the Executive Secretary within six (6) months of the date of this determination letter.

Please advise this office of your corrective action plan to maintain full compliance with your UPDES permit. Your written response is requested within 14 days upon receipt of this letter. The Division of Water Quality appreciates West Ridge's continued willingness and cooperation to address this matter.

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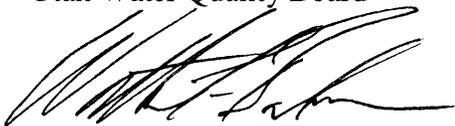
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If you have any questions with regard to this matter, please contact Jeff Studenka of this office at (801) 538-6779 or via e-mail at [jstudenka@utah.gov](mailto:jstudenka@utah.gov).

Sincerely,

Utah Water Quality Board

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Walter L. Baker', written over a white background.

Walter L. Baker, P.E.  
Executive Secretary

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cc: Darcy O'Connor, EPA Region VIII  
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