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Inspection Report

Table with 2 columns: Field (Permit Number, Inspection Type, etc.) and Value (C0070041, PARTIAL, etc.)

Inspector: Pete Hess, Environmental Scientist III

Weather: Sunny, some clouds; breezy.

InspectionID Report Number: 908

Accepted by: whedberg
4/4/2006

Permittee: WEST RIDGE RESOURCES
Operator: WEST RIDGE RESOURCES
Site: WEST RIDGE MINE
Address: PO BOX 1077, PRICE UT 84501
County: CARBON
Permit Type: PERMANENT COAL PROGRAM
Permit Status: ACTIVE

Current Acreages

Table with 2 columns: Value and Category (Total Permitted, Total Disturbed, Phase I, Phase II, Phase III)

Mineral Ownership

- Checked: Federal, State
Unchecked: County, Fee, Other

Types of Operations

- Checked: Underground
Unchecked: Surface, Loadout, Processing, Reprocessing

Report summary and status for pending enforcement actions, permit conditions, Division Orders, and amendments:

The Permittee notified the DOGM on March 11, 2006 that the fourth quarter of 2005 surface and ground water monitoring information for the West Ridge Mine was ready for uploading to the Division web site. Thus, the Permittee continues to meet the Special Permit Condition included in Attachment "A" of the current State permit. With the exception of the Division Order relative to the reclamation plan for the portal highwall area, there are no other compliance actions pending.

The Permittee continues to submit weekly monitoring reports for Grassy Trail Dam. As of March 13, 2006, the Panel #7 longwall face was approximately 145 feet outby the dam crest. According to Mr. Dave Shaver, the gob in panel #7 is caving immediately behind the shields with no tendency to hang. The area is behaving as expected, according to the Permittee.

Mr. James Sorensen, mining engineer, accompanied the Division representative during today's inspection.

Inspector's Signature:

Date Wednesday, March 22, 2006

Pete Hess, Environmental Scientist III

Inspector ID Number: 46

Note: This inspection report does not constitute an affidavit of compliance with the regulatory program of the Division of Oil, Gas and Mining.

REVIEW OF PERMIT, PERFORMANCE STANDARDS PERMIT CONDITION REQUIREMENTS

1. Substantiate the elements on this inspection by checking the appropriate performance standard.
 - a. For COMPLETE inspections provide narrative justification for any elements not fully inspected unless element is not appropriate to the site, in which case check Not Applicable.
 - b. For PARTIAL inspections check only the elements evaluated.
2. Document any noncompliance situation by reference the NOV issued at the appropriate performance standard listed below.
3. Reference any narratives written in conjunction with this inspection at the appropriate performance standard listed below.
4. Provide a brief status report for all pending enforcement actions, permit conditions, Divison Orders, and amendments.

	Evaluated	Not Applicable	Comment	Enforcement
1. Permits, Change, Transfer, Renewal, Sale	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
2. Signs and Markers	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
3. Topsoil	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
4.a Hydrologic Balance: Diversions	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
4.b Hydrologic Balance: Sediment Ponds and Impoundments	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
4.c Hydrologic Balance: Other Sediment Control Measures	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
4.d Hydrologic Balance: Water Monitoring	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
4.e Hydrologic Balance: Effluent Limitations	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
5. Explosives	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
6. Disposal of Excess Spoil, Fills, Benches	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
7. Coal Mine Waste, Refuse Piles, Impoundments	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
8. Noncoal Waste	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
9. Protection of Fish, Wildlife and Related Environmental Issues	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
10. Slides and Other Damage	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
11. Contemporaneous Reclamation	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
12. Backfilling And Grading	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
13. Revegetation	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
14. Subsidence Control	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
15. Cessation of Operations	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
16.a Roads: Construction, Maintenance, Surfacing	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
16.b Roads: Drainage Controls	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
17. Other Transportation Facilities	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
18. Support Facilities, Utility Installations	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
19. AVS Check	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
20. Air Quality Permit	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
21. Bonding and Insurance	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
22. Other	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

4.c Hydrologic Balance: Other Sediment Control Measures

To date, the Permittee has not initiated the replacement of the straw bale dikes in the ditch designated as UD-15, (See Map 7-2, Mine Site Drainage, West Ridge MRP). These were noted in the February report as being heavily laden with sediment, and needing replacement.

4.d Hydrologic Balance: Water Monitoring

The Permittee's fourth quarter 2006 surface and ground water monitoring information was uploaded to the Division's web site on March 13, 2006.

9. Protection of Fish, Wildlife and Related Environmental Issues

A golden eagle was observed perched at mile marker 3 along the "C" Canyon County road. Coal trucks were operating on the road.

16.b Roads: Drainage Controls

All of the culverts and ditches which were inspected were functioning as designed.

18. Support Facilities, Utility Installations

The County has seen several snow storms over the past week; much of the mining equipment / supply area in the upper yard was under snow.