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Inspection Report

Table with 2 columns: Field, Value. Fields include Permit Number (C0070041), Inspection Type (COMPLETE), Inspection Date (Thursday, April 20, 2006), Start Date/Time (4/20/2006 12:35:00 PM), End Date/Time (4/20/2006 3:10:00 PM), Last Inspection (Wednesday, March 22, 2006).

Inspector: Pete Hess, Environmental Scientist III

Weather: Sunny, warm; 50's F.

InspectionID Report Number: 933

Accepted by: whedberg
5/4/2006

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, Description. Rows: 6,114.89 Total Permitted, 29.06 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 continues to meet the Special Permit Conditions included in Attachment "A" of the current State permit, which is relative to the submittal of all quarterly surface and ground water monitoring information in an electronic form to the Division EDI web site. Ms. Karla Knoop, hydrologist with JBR Environmental, submitted the fourth quarter 2005 information to Mr. Gary Gray on February 2, 2006 for pipeline insertion and uploading.

The Division has recently granted a conditional approval for the Permittee's reclamation plan for the portal highwall area (DO-00A); a request for clean copies of the approved plan is pending. The Permittee must comply with the requirements of this approved plan as one of the Special Conditions of the current DOGM permit (Attachment A). Two other permit conditions exist; one is relative to required surveys for Mexican spotted owls in lease areas having 40 percent or greater slopes. The fourth Special Permit Condition is relative to the experimental practice of storing topsoil in place, beneath the fill which was used to construct the Mine pads. Annual evaluations of this practice by the DOGM continue to be conducted.

Other than DO-00A, there are no other compliance actions pending within the West Ridge Mine permit area.

Inspector's Signature:

Pete Hess, Environmental Scientist III
Inspector ID Number: 46

Date

Tuesday, April 25, 2006

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 checked="" 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 checked="" 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
5. Explosives	<input checked="" 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
9. Protection of Fish, Wildlife and Related Environmental Issues	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" 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 type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
17. Other Transportation Facilities	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
18. Support Facilities, Utility Installations	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
19. AVS Check	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
20. Air Quality Permit	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
21. Bonding and Insurance	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
22. Other	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

4.b Hydrologic Balance: Sediment Ponds and Impoundments

The Permittee conducted the first quarter of 2006 impoundment inspection for the dual cell sediment pond on March 27, 2006. Mr. Gray is the Permittee's qualified person. The annual inspection and certification for the ponds were completed on December 15, 2005 by Mr. Gray and Mr. John Lewis, P.E. There were no signs of structural instability or other hazards noted during that inspection. No hazards were noted during today's inspection. Mr. Lewis completed the reporting requirements and P.E. certification for this inspection on March 7, 2006.

4.c Hydrologic Balance: Other Sediment Control Measures

The Permittee has removed the silt fences which were located in the "C" Canyon channel, down stream of the office building pad. The Permittee has installed new straw bales at the locations needing them in undisturbed drainage ditch UD-15. This involved the majority of the established controls in place along the ditch which parallels the County road. The pump house ASCA area located along the "C" Canyon road below the Mine site disturbed area did not reveal any compliance issues. Blast furnace slag is used as the sediment control on this pad.

4.d Hydrologic Balance: Water Monitoring

The "C" Canyon channel was flowing this day.

4.e Hydrologic Balance: Effluent Limitations

West Ridge Mine has had difficulty complying with the 1-ton per day loading limitation for approximately a year. During the summer of 2005, they applied for a modification to the current UPDES permit to include provisions for the purchase of salt credits (salinity offset projects) (Colorado River Salinity Offset Program) through the Utah DEQ / Division of Water Quality. The new UPDES permit is currently within the public comment period (comment period will end Friday, 4/28). At that point DWQ intends to issue a new UPDES permit for the West Ridge operation, which will require the Permittee to offset the TDS over 1 ton/day.

8. Noncoal Waste

A few minor noncoal waste items were observed along the County road below the office pad. Mr. Gray picked up most of the items during today's inspection.

14. Subsidence Control

The 2005 annual subsidence monitoring information is included with the 2005 Annual Report.

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22. Other

Weekly monitoring of the Grassy Trail Dam continues. Based upon the Permittee's report of April 19, 2006, the #7 panel longwall face is now 1025 feet outby the crest of the Dam. East Carbon City has been releasing water through the outlet pipe at full volume, based upon the recommendation of RB & G Engineering. The reservoir elevation was approximately 23 inches below the glory hole spillway on April 14, 2006. RB & G's Seismic Summary for April 14, 2006 noted that no cracks or signs of movement have been noted on the Dam or the abutments above the Dam. Mr. John Lewis notified the DOGM this day that the Dam is actually being monitored on a daily basis by West Ridge personnel.