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Dugout and West Ridge folks,

As everyone's aware, we have a 'red alert' status hanging on the Dugout and West Ridge degas amendments (Task ID #3068 and #3077 respectively). It's clear that MSHA is not taking any chances with mine safety and I for one believe Dave and Vicky when they say that they are facing shut downs.

That said, given the time constraints Dugout and West Ridge are up against, we need to get a comprehensive/complete set of deficiencies sent to the operators by the end of the week. In order to do that, the deficiencies must be completed by *no later* than noon on Thursday so that there's time to compile them and get the letters finalized and out the door before we all go home for the weekend. We've done these before and after visiting both of the sites, they seem pretty straight forward. However, if we have deficiencies, they'll obviously have to address them. If we can get our issues to Dave and Vicky this week, we should be able to accommodate their deadline.

Please let me know if you're unable to meet that deadline or I can help in any way to that end.

thanks,
Steve