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Date: 1/26/2009 9:05 AM
Subject: Fwd: Re: West Ridge Mine discharge accumulations
Place: OGMCOAL

>>> Jeffrey Studenka 1/26/2009 8:35 AM >>>
Dave,

Thank you for the notification and information. Please proceed as we discussed and continue to keep us informed of the status of both the West Ridge facility and Crandall Canyon facility. I would propose that we keep an open and up to date e-mail dialogue for each facility with the respective State and Federal agency representatives, much like we did early last year for the unanticipated Crandall Canyon Mine discharges. I will provide you with a separate e-mail for any recommended additional parameters to include with upcoming UPDES sampling requirements. Also, I am planning to visit both facilities next Tuesday morning, Feb. 3rd. Thanks again.

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Jeff...As you know from our discussion yesterday (Jan 22, 2009) the West Ridge Mine discharge water is now out of compliance in terms of iron and total suspended solids. We are presently making some changes underground in an attempt to remedy the situation. However, a bigger problem exists in that a significant amount of coal fine related sediments have been accumulating within the drainage for several miles below the minesite as a result of the mine discharge. The purpose of this email is to provide written notification of the off-site accumulations as per the requirements of the UPDES permit. DOGM and BLM have also been notified, and Division of Water Rights will be notified on Monday (Jan 26). I will keep you informed of all immediate and future efforts to resolve and correct this situation.

Dave Shaver