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Suzanne Steab - 2009 Annual Report

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Subject: 2009 Annual Report
Attachments: West Ridge Mine C0070041.doc; 2009ARLetter.pdf

Attached is the Annual Report for West Ridge Mine. Also attached is a letter outlining the Annual Report process.

Thanks

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January 11, 2010

All Coal Operators

Subject: 2009 Coal Mining Annual Reports for Active and Inactive Coal Mines, Outgoing File

Dear Mine Operator:

Enclosed, please find an updated 2009 Annual Report document. This single document is to be used by the operator, the inspector, and the DOGM staff for reporting 2009 information about your mine. This Annual Report document is being sent in a format that is compatible with most word-processing programs, and you should be able to open the file and enter your information directly into the form electronically. When completed, it can be submitted to the Division electronically. If for some reason you cannot make use of this electronic format, please fill out two hard copies (one for the Salt Lake office and one for the PFO) and mail it to the Division at:

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The 2009 Annual Report form includes entries for regulatory requirements, such as annual impoundment certification; however, many Mining and Reclamation Plans include unique, mine-specific commitments that also must be reported annually. The Division has compiled these commitments for each mine and incorporated them into a 2009 Annual Report form that is distinct for each mine. Both these commitments and the regulatory requirements need to be addressed in the 2009 Annual Report. Also, please be sure to submit the following items as part of the 2009 Annual Report:

1) Raptor and archeology reports marked as confidential and in a separate folder marked confidential (R645-300-124.300);
2) Mine map identifying mining in 2009 as well as the mining proposed for the next five years [PE Certified] (R645-301-512 and R645-301-521); and
3) Notices of Proposed Mining sent to water conservancy districts and all owners and occupants of surface property above the underground workings (R645-525.700).

All confidential information should be submitted in a separate file or folder marked "Annual Report Confidential Information. See Map Section in the Annual Report for a definition of confidential material.

Depending on the status of your mine (active or inactive), some of the sections of the annual report may not apply or may not require a response. Please note this in the report if this is the case.

Timing for the 2009 Annual Report submittal is outlined below.

- The Division will send out 2009 Annual Report forms by January 14, 2010.
- The Operator will submit the required information by March 30, 2010.
- The Inspectors will review 2009 Annual Report information in conjunction with a complete inspection by June 30, 2010. If required information is not included, the Division may initiate enforcement and compliance action.
- If the Inspector determines that more review is needed of a specific item, the Inspector will comment and forward the 2009 Annual Report to an assigned staff member.
- This additional review will be handled separately, as a Special Project, and completed by September 30, 2010.

If you have any questions, please call me at (801) 538-5325 or James D. Smith at (801) 538-5262.

Sincerely,

Daron R. Haddock

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Permit Supervisor

Enclosure
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This Annual Report shows information the Division has for your mine. Please review the information to see if it is current. If the information needs to be updated please do so in this document. At the end of each section the operator is asked to verify if the information is correct. Please answer these questions and make all comments on this document. Submit the completed document and any additional information identified in the Appendices to the Division by April 30, 2010. During a complete inspection an inspector will check and verify the information. To enter text, click in the cell and type your response. You can use the tab key to move from one field to the next. To enter an X in a box, click next to the box, right click, and select properties, then the checked circle, then hit enter, or hit the unchecked circle if the X is to be removed.

GENERAL INFORMATION

Permittee Name	West Ridge Resources
Mine Name	West Ridge Mine
Operator Name (If other then permittee)	
Permit Expiration Date	April 1, 2014
Permit Number	C/007/0041
Authorized Representative Title	Dave Shaver, Manager
Phone Number	(435) 888-4017
Fax Number	(435) 888-4002
E-mail Address	dshaver@coalsource.com
Mailing Address	West Ridge Resources, Inc. P.O. Box 910 East Carbon, Utah 84520-0910
Designated Representative	
Resident Agent	
Resident Agent Mailing Address	Same as above.
Number of Binders Submitted	2

Operator, please update any incorrect information.

IDENTIFICATION OF OTHER PERMITS

Identify other permits that are required in conjunction with mining and reclamation activities.

Permit Type	ID Number	Description	Expiration Date
MSHA Mine ID(s)	42-02233	Underground Coal Mine	NA
MSHA Impoundment(s)	NA		
NPDES/UPDES Permit(s)	UTG040013		04/30/2008
PSD Permit(s) (Air)	DAQE-055-99		NA

Other

Operator, please update any incorrect information.

CERTIFIED REPORTS

List the certified inspection reports as required by the rules and under the approved plan that must be periodically submitted to the Division. Specify whether the information is included as Appendix A to this report or currently on file with the Division.

Certified Reports:	**Required** Yes	No	**Included** Included	**or**	**DOGM file location** Vol, Chapter, Page
Excess Spoil Piles	☐	☐	☐		
Refuse Piles	☐	☐	☐		
Impoundments	☐	☐	☐		
Other					
	☐	☐	☐		
	☐	☐	☐		

Operator Comments:

Inspector:
Has the operator complied with this section? Yes ☐ No ☐
Inspector Comments:

COMMITMENTS AND CONDITIONS

The Permittee is responsible for ensuring annual technical commitments in the MRP and conditions accepted with the permit are completed throughout the year. The Division has identified these commitments below and has provided space for you to report what you have done during the past year for each commitment. If the particular section is blank, no commitment has been identified and no response is required for this report. If additional written response is required, it should be filed under Appendix B to this report.

Admin R645-301-100
Soils R645-301-200

Title: EXPERIMENTAL PRACTICE FIELD TRIALS.
Objective: Monitoring to support proposed Experimental Practice.
Frequency: Annual Evaluation in June.
Status: Ongoing.
Reports: Provide in annual report a comparison of growth on field trials with Douglas/Fir reference area..
Citation: App. 2-6 and Map 2-4.

Operator: Has this commitment been acted on this year?

Yes ☐ No ☐ Not required this year. ☐ If yes, comment;
Operator Comments:

Inspector:
Has the operator complied with this commitment? Yes ☐ No ☐
Inspector Comments:

Title: SOIL SAMPLING OF FILL AT T1, T2, T3
Objective: To protect buried substitute topsoil in the fill.
Frequency: Annual Evaluation during field season.
Status: Ongoing.
Reports: Provide information in Annual Report.
Citation: App. 2-6 Addendum and Map 2-4.

Operator: Has this commitment been acted on this year?

Yes ☐ No ☐ Not required this year. ☐ If yes, comment;
Operator Comments:

Inspector:
Has the operator complied with this commitment? Yes ☐ No ☐
Inspector Comments:

Biology R645-301-300

Title: WILDLIFE AWARENESS PROGRAM
Objective: To inform employees of the wildlife and the need for protection in the mine facilities and access road areas.
Frequency: As needed.
Status: Ongoing.
Reports: Summary in Annual Report
Citation: Volume I, chapter three, page 3-10, paragraph 5.

Operator: Has this commitment been acted on this year?

Yes ☐ No ☐ Not required this year. ☐ If yes, comment;
Operator Comments:

Inspector:
Has the operator complied with this commitment? Yes ☐ No ☐
Inspector Comments:

Title: RECLAMATION MONITORING
Objective: Visually assess the revegetation success.
Frequency: Quarterly for the first three years and June of each year thereafter.
Status: Implement at reclamation.
Reports: Annually.
Citation: Volume I, chapter three, page 3-16, paragraph 2.

Operator: Has this commitment been acted on this year?

Yes ☐ No ☐ Not required this year. ☐ If yes, comment;
Operator Comments:

Inspector:
Has the operator complied with this commitment? Yes ☐ No ☐
Inspector Comments:

Title: CULTURAL RESOURCES
Objective: If during the course of mining operations, previously unidentified cultural resources are discovered, the Permittee shall ensure that the site(s) is not disturbed and shall notify the Division of Oil, Gas, and Mining. The Division, after coordination with OSM, shall inform the Permittee of necessary actions required. The Permittee shall implement the mitigation measures required by the Division within the time frame specified by the Division.
Frequency: As needed.
Status: Ongoing.
Reports: Annual.
Citation: Permit Condition Sec. 16.

Operator: Has this commitment been acted on this year?

Yes ☐ No ☐ Not required this year. ☐ If yes, comment;
Operator Comments:

Inspector:
Has the operator complied with this commitment? Yes ☐ No ☐
Inspector Comments:

Engineering R645-301-500.

Title: SUBSIDENCE MONITORING
Objective: To monitor subsidence from longwall mining practices.
Frequency: plan commits to subsidence monitoring of panels until the effects of mining have stabilized and vertical movement is less than six inches per year.
Status: On going.
Reports: Part of annual report.
Citation: Chapter II, Volume 5, page 5-22.

Operator: Has this commitment been acted on this year?

Yes ☐ No ☐ Not required this year. ☐ If yes, comment;
Operator Comments:

Inspector:
Has the operator complied with this commitment? Yes ☐ No ☐
Inspector Comments:

Title: EXPLORATORY DRILLING AHEAD OF DEVELOPMENT
Objective: Avoid mining into the old Sunnyside Mine.
Frequency: Whenever within 500' of the old Sunnyside workings, according to old surveys
Status: On going.
Reports: Annual report.
Citation: Volume 3, chapter 7, page 7-29, paragraph 1.

Operator: Has this commitment been acted on this year?

Yes ☐ No ☐ Not required this year. ☐ If yes, comment;
Operator Comments:

Inspector:
Has the operator complied with this commitment? Yes ☐ No ☐
Inspector Comments:

Title: VISUAL SUBSIDENCE INSPECTION IN BEAR CANYON AFTER THE LONGWALL PASSES UNDER (projected for spring 2007).
Objective: To visually check for subsidence damage.
Frequency: When Bear Canyon is undermined.
Status: On going.
Reports: Committed to submitting 30 days after the inspection.
Citation: Chapter 5, Volume 2, page 5-23bto5-23e.

Operator: Has this commitment been acted on this year?

Yes ☐ No ☐ Not required this year. ☐ If yes, comment;
Operator Comments:

Inspector:
Has the operator complied with this commitment? Yes ☐ No ☐
Inspector Comments:

Geology R645-301-600

Hydrology R645-301-700

Bonding & Insurance R645-301-800

Other Commitments

*Reminder: If equipment has been abandoned during 2009, an amendment must be submitted that includes a map showing its location, a description of what was abandoned, whether there were any hazardous or toxic materials and any revision to the PHC as necessary.

REPORTING OF OTHER TECHNICAL DATA

List other technical data and information as required under the approved plan, which must be periodically submitted to the Division. Specify whether the information is included as Appendix B to this report or currently on file with the Division.

Operator Comments:

Inspector:
Has the operator complied with this section? Yes ☐ No ☐
Inspector Comments:

LEGAL, FINANCIAL, COMPLIANCE AND RELATED INFORMATION

Change in administration or corporate structure can often bring about necessary changes to information found in the mining and reclamation plan. The Division is Requesting that each Permittee review and update the legal, financial, compliance and related information in the plan as part of the annual report. Please provide the Department of Commerce, Annual Report of Officers, or other equivalent information as necessary to ensure that the information provided in the plan is current. Provide any other change as necessary regarding land ownership, lease acquisitions, legal results from appeals of violations, or other changes as necessary to update information required in the mining and reclamation plan. Include certified financial statements, audits or worksheets, which may be required to meet bonding requirements. Specify whether the information is currently on file with the Division or included as Appendix C to the report.

Legal / Financial Update	**Required** Yes	No	**Included** Included	**or**	**DOGM File location** Vol, Chapter, Page
Department of Commerce, Annual Report Officers	☐	☐	☐		
Other					
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Operator Comments:

Inspector:
Has the operator complied with this section? Yes ☐ No ☐
Inspector Comments:

MAPS

Copies of mine maps, current and up-to-date through at least December 31, 2009, are to be provided to the Division as Appendix D to this report in accordance with the requirements of R 645-301-525.240. The map copies shall be made in accordance with 30 CFR 75.1200 as required by MSHA. Mine maps are not considered confidential. (Please provide a CD.)

Confidential information is limited to:

R645-300-124.310. Information that pertains only to the analysis of the chemical and physical properties of the coal to be mined, except information on components of such coal which are potentially toxic in the environment.

R645-300-124.330. Information on the nature and location of archeological resources on public land and Indian land as required under the Archeological Resources Protection Act of 1979 (P. L. 96-95, 93 Stat. 721, 16 U.S.C. 470).

R645-301-322, Fish and Wildlife Information; R645-301-322.100, the scope and level of detail for such information will be determined by the Division in consultation with state and federal agencies with responsibilities for fish and wildlife and will be sufficient to design the protection and enhancement plan required under R645-301-333 and R645-301-322.230, other species or habitats identified through agency consultation as requiring special protection under state or federal law; R645-301-333.300, Include protective measures that will be used during the active mining phase of operation.

The Division will provide procedures, including notice and opportunity to be heard for persons both seeking and opposing disclosure.

Map Number(s)	Map Title/ Description		
Annual subsidence map			
Mine map			
Other maps		**Confidential** Yes	No
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Operator Comments:

Inspector:
Has the operator complied with this section? Yes ☐ No ☐
Inspector Comments:

OTHER INFORMATION

Please provide any comments of further information to be included as part of the Annual Report. Any other attachments are to be provided as Appendix E to this report. If information is submitted as a group rather then by individual mine, please identify each of the mine's data in the list below.

Additional attachment to this report? **Yes** ☐ **No** ☐

Operator Comments:

Inspector:
Has the operator complied with this section? Yes ☐ No ☐
Inspector Comments:

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APPENDIX A

Certified Reports

Excess Spoil Piles
Refuse Piles
Impoundments

As required under R645-301-514

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APPENDIX B

Reporting of Technical Data

Including monitoring data, reports, maps, and other information
As required under the approved plan or as required by the Division

In accordance with the requirement of R645-310-130 and R645-301-140

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Annual Report of Officers
As submitted to the Utah Department of Commerce

Other change in ownership and control information
As required under R645-301-110

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APPENDIX E

Other Information

In accordance with the requirements of R645-301 and R645-302

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