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Subject: Appendix 5-19 Temporary Re-Opening of B Canyon Portal, West Ridge Resources, Inc., West Ridge Mine, C/007/0041, Task ID #4010

Dear Mr. Shaver:

The Division has reviewed your application to temporarily re-open the B Canyon Portal at the West Ridge Mine. Deficiencies have been identified that must be addressed prior to final approval. The deficiencies are listed as an attachment to this letter. Each deficiency identifies its author by their initials in order to facilitate communication with that individual should you have questions.

Once the deficiencies have been addressed and pending receipt of the State Historical Preservation Officer (SHPO) concurrence, final approval will be granted. The plans as submitted are denied. Please resubmit the entire application.

Sincerely,

Steve Christensen
Permit Supervisor

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cc: Price Field Office
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Deficiency List
Task No. 4010
Re-Opening of B Canyon Portal

The members of the review team include the following individuals:

Priscilla Burton (PB)
Steve Christensen (SC)
James Owen (JO)

R645-301-244.200, Please modify the reclamation plan described in Chap 2 and Chap 5 to include 1 T/ac straw mulch incorporated into the surface soil and 1 Ton/ac mulch scattered over the surface after seed and mulch application and scattering of slash on the seeded and mulched surface. (These techniques were successfully used in the 1998 AMR/007/930 reclamation.) (PB)

R645-301-742: The Permittee must provide additional information/clarification as to the sediment control measures to be implemented at the proposed project site. Plate #2 of 2 in Attachment 10 must be revised to clearly identify that excelsior logs will be utilized as the '*continuous sediment control*' at the base of the temporary topsoil storage pile and directly adjacent to the B Canyon drainage. (SC)

R645-301.513.500; R645-301.551 The applicant must include a commitment to backfill the portal opening to a minimum of 25 feet. The applicant must also include a cross section drawing that depicts the 25 feet of backfilled material as well as the location of the seal as it will be at the portal's reclaimed configuration. (JO)

R645-301-830.140. The mine has adequate bond in place to allow for reclamation of the B Canyon portal. However, the applicant must submit an updated bond calculation spreadsheet for the portal and an updated bond calculation summary sheet to amend the bonding section of the MRP. Bonding details should be removed from the Engineering portion of the application and should be included in a Bonding section. The Division agrees to use \$4,604 as the unit cost for this particular portal reclamation. (JO)