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Dear Colleagues:

I want to share with you some information that my colleagues in EPA Region 8 are sending out to their Congressional staff contacts about a tour of the interim Gold King Mine water treatment plant and a webinar they are hosting tomorrow morning.

Thank you for your interest in the interim Gold King Mine water treatment plant located at Gladstone, north of Silverton, Colorado. We would like to clarify that EPA will be providing a site tour of the water treatment facility only. We do not plan to conduct a meeting in conjunction with this tour, nor are we able to take visitors to the Gold King Mine adit at this time due to the risk of avalanches. Our objectives for the tour are to show participants the interim water treatment plant and explain current treatment operations.

Webinar:

In prep for Monday's tour, EPA Region 8 is hosting a Webinar tomorrow morning (3/4) at 9:00 am MDT. This presentation will show you areas of the site that can't be reached in the winter, including the Gold King Mine and associated storage ponds.

The Webinar will also include a safety briefing and a review of logistics for Monday's tour.

To join the Webinar, visit: https://epawebconferencing.acms.com/gkmwater/

Meeting Name: GKM Water Treatment Operations

Invited By: Laura Jenkins (Jenkins.Laura@epa.gov)

When: 9:00 am

Time Zone: Mountain

Conference Number(s): 866 299-9141

Participant Code: 21839184#

Tour Logistics:

Please meet in front of the San Juan County Courthouse at 12:30 pm, Monday, March 7. (Map: https://goo.gl/maps/aJ9KZi6D8eB2). We'll caravan from there to the Gladstone water treatment plant, arriving at approximately 1:00 pm. The site tour will last approximately 60 – 90 minutes.

The road from Silverton to Gladstone is maintained, but, due to variable weather conditions, we strongly urge you to drive 4-wheel drive vehicles to Gladstone. In addition, parking is very limited, so please travel in as few vehicles as possible.

Please also be aware that there is significant avalanche potential between Silverton and Gladstone and the tour may have to be delayed or cancelled in the event of inclement weather, threats of avalanches and/or rock slides. Similar risks exist between Durango and Silverton, so the tour may be delayed or canceled if EPA personnel cannot reach Silverton.

Please send your cell phone number to Laura Jenkins, Jenkins.Laura@epa.gov (cell: 202-360-8453) so we can reach you in case of any changes in plans.

Most of the treatment plant tour will take place outside, so dress accordingly and wear footwear appropriate for icy surfaces and an industrial facility. During March, temperatures generally run between single digits to low 30s.

You will also need to bring your own protective eyewear for the tour.

If you have any questions or need any additional information, please don't hesitate to contact me.

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