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Subject: Update: Gold King Mine Adit Sampling Results

Dear Colleagues:

At the request of La Plata County, EPA collected water and sediment samples on September 21, 2015, to test for an expanded suite of potential contaminants following the August 5, 2015, Gold King Mine release. In coordination with LaPlata County, EPA and the County are posting these results on our websites today.

The results indicate that the levels of nearly all the potential contaminants were below residential and recreational levels. The total metals analysis of surface water found cadmium, cobalt, copper and manganese above risk-based screening levels for recreational use. However, the levels of metals found in surface water at the mouth of a hard-rock mine would not be considered unusual considering the highly mineralized geology of this location. Additionally, there is no recreational use of the water at this location.

Additional information on the results is available at:
http://www.epa.gov/goldkingmine/results-expanded-adit-sampling-gold-king-mine

Please let me know if you have any questions or need any additional information.

Regards,

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