September 23, 2015

(b) (6) [redacted]
Durango, CO 81301

Dear (b) (6) [redacted],

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) is aware of the concerns you have raised regarding potential impacts to your property related to the Gold King Mine release. An EPA On Scene Coordinator, met with Clark Behner regarding the ponds on your property. Per your request, enclosed are instructions for filing a claim for monetary compensation.

EPA has worked closely with the San Juan Basin Health Department and the Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment to evaluate the conditions in the Animas River following the incident. Surface water and sediment samples collected throughout the watershed have demonstrated the river has returned to pre-event conditions. Data received from samples collected from other properties in the area have met risk-based screening levels for recreational use.

In the interim, if you have any questions regarding this matter please contact Cynthia Peterson, EPA Community Involvement Coordinator, at (303) 312-6879.

Sincerely,

U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Region 8

Enclosure