September 17, 2015

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Durango, CO 81301

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The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) is aware that you have raised concerns regarding potential impacts to your property related to the Gold King Mine release. We understand that an EPA On Scene Coordinator met with you earlier this week and that there appear to be no sediment impacts in your lateral ditches.

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.

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