September 17ll, 2015

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

Dear (b) (6) [redacted],

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) is aware of concerns you have raised regarding potential impacts, to the property to which you have easement access, related to the Gold King Mine release. We want to assure you that we remain aware of your concerns and are working to address them as quickly as possible.

Sediment samples were collected from the adjacent property on August 31, 2015. As you are aware, EPA will be in contact with the property owner of record when sampling results are available, and will make them aware of your interest in those results. Any decisions regarding future actions on the riverfront property must be discussed with and agreed to by the property owner of record.

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) 312-7879.

Sincerely,

U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Region 8

Enclosure