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Hopi Tribe Monitors Gold King Mine Release

(Kykotsmovi, AZ) On August 5, 2015 the Environmental Protection Agency announced the breach and release of contaminants from the Gold King Mine in Silverton, Colorado into the Animas River. As of this date, the EPA has announced a total of 3,043,067 gallons discharged from the mine. As the discharge moves downstream and into the San Juan and Colorado Rivers, the contaminants will be diluted. The discharge of contaminants will not impact the drinking water on the Hopi Reservation. Hopi drinking sources are not located near the affected area. The Hopi Tribe will continue to monitor this situation in coordination with the federal agencies and inform the public if any risk is posed to the Hopi public.

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