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### **NEWS RELEASE**

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*NMED's mission is to protect and restore the environment and to foster a healthy and prosperous New Mexico for present and future generations.*

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**Tomorrow, Tuesday October 25**

### **San Juan County - Citizens' Meeting on Gold King Mine Spill & Claims for Damages**

*Residents with Claims Encouraged to Come Forward for Information on  
How to Complete Claims Forms*

**Santa Fe** – New Mexico's Gold King Mine Spill Citizens' Advisory Committee (CAC), based out of San Juan County, New Mexico, meets tomorrow, Tuesday, October 25, 2016 at 5:30 p.m. in the San Juan College Student Center-Room 9010 (accessible through the Henderson Fine Arts Center).

Individuals and businesses who experienced damages from the Gold King Mine Spill of August 5, 2015 are encouraged to come forward for information on how to file a claim. Bill Grantham of the Office of the Attorney General will review the U.S. Claim Form 95 in use by the Environmental Protection Agency. A representative of EPA has been invited to join in this presentation, but remains unconfirmed at press time.

Executive Director of the [Office of the Natural Resource Trustee](#) (ONRT), [Trais Kliphuis](#), will also present on how Natural Resources Damage Assessment and Restoration works, the function of the ONRT, and the role being played by ONRT to restore New Mexico's natural resources affected by the Gold King Mine Spill of August 2015.

The Citizens' Advisory Committee (CAC) is a group of 10 citizen volunteers from Northern New Mexico, including the Navajo Nation, who provide a forum for public concerns while tracking the scientific long-term monitoring of the Gold King Mine spill's effects in the state.

The CAC works with New Mexico's Long-Term Impact Review Team, established by Governor Susana Martinez, to both monitor and discuss with the public the continuing effects of the August 2015 mine blowout, that the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency admitted to causing which released three million gallons of mining wastewater laden with 1.1 million pounds of metals into the Animas and San Juan River systems.

For more information please visit the New Mexico Environment Department's Gold King Mine website ([www.NMEDRiverWaterSafety.org](http://www.NMEDRiverWaterSafety.org)) or email us at [NMENV-Outreach@state.nm.us](mailto:NMENV-Outreach@state.nm.us).

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10/25--5:30pm-Gold King Mine Spill & Claims for Damages Citizens' Mtg, Fmngtn, SJ College Student Ctr, # 9010.  
#NMED #GoldKing [www.NMEDRiverWaterSafety.org](http://www.NMEDRiverWaterSafety.org)

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**For your Facebook Feed:**

10/25--5:30pm-Gold King Mine Spill & Claims for Damages Citizens' Mtg. in Farmington—San Juan College Student Ctr, # 9010. #NMED #GoldKing, [www.NMEDRiverWaterSafety.org](http://www.NMEDRiverWaterSafety.org) . The Citizens' Advisory Committee is a group of 10 citizen volunteers from Northern New Mexico, including the Navajo Nation, who provide a forum for public concerns while tracking the scientific long-term monitoring of the Gold King Mine spill's effects in the state. Anyone who had damages from the Gold King Mine Spill of August 15, 2015 may file a claim. Bill Grantham of the Office of the Attorney General will review the U.S. Claim Form 95 in use by the Environmental Protection Agency. A representative of EPA has been invited to join in this presentation, but remains unconfirmed at press time. Executive Director of the [Office of the Natural Resource Trustee](#) (ONRT), [Trais Kliphuis](#), will also present on how Resources Damage Assessment and Restoration works, the function of the ONRT, and the role being played by ONRT to restore New Mexico's natural resources affected by the Gold King Mine Spill of August 2015.

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