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Gold King Mine Spill Citizens' Advisory Committee Meeting on Monday

*Impact of the GKM Spill on the Navajo Nation &
Update on Colorado's Bonita Peak Mining District Superfund Project*

Santa Fe – New Mexico's Gold King Mine Spill Citizens' Advisory Committee (CAC), based out of San Juan County, New Mexico, meets Monday, May 22, 2017 at 5:30 p.m. in the San Juan College Student Center- SUNS Room (accessible through the Henderson Fine Arts Center).

The Citizens' Advisory Committee (CAC) is a group of 9 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. At Monday's meeting the group will hear and discuss updates from the Navajo Nation and from the U.S. EPA Region 8 as follows:

Presentation by Dr. Karletta Chief, University of Arizona, discussing the impact of the Gold King Mine Spill on the Animas River on the Navajo Nation, and

Presentation by Rebecca Thomas, EPA Superfund Project Manager-Region 8, providing an update on the Bonita Peak Mining District Superfund Project.

The meeting agenda can be found at: <https://www.env.nm.gov/wp-content/uploads/2016/06/May-2017-Agenda.pdf>. 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 over three million gallons of mining wastewater laden with more than a 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) or email us at NMENV-Outreach@state.nm.us.

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5/22/17--5:30 p.m. Gold King Mine Spill Citizen Advisory Committee meets. Public welcome. Presentation by Dr. Karletta Chief, University of Arizona, discussing the impact of the Gold King Mine Spill on the Animas River on the Navajo Nation, and presentation by Rebecca Thomas, EPA Superfund Project Manager-Region 8, providing an update on the Bonita Peak Mining District Superfund Project. At San Juan College Student Center, Room # 9010, Farmington, NM. For more information please visit the New Mexico Environment Department's Gold King Mine website (www.NMEDRiverWaterSafety.org) or email NMENV-Outreach@state.nm.us. #GoldKing #NMED

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