

**Environment Department**SUSANA MARTINEZ, GOVERNORRyan Flynn, Cabinet Secretary
Butch Tongate, Deputy Secretary**NEWS RELEASE****March 17, 2016 – UPDATED***NMED's mission is to protect and restore the environment and to foster a healthy and prosperous New Mexico for present and future generations.***Contact:** Allison Scott Majure, Communications Director
New Mexico Environment Department
505.231.8800 | Allison.majure@state.nm.us**Gold King Mine Spill's Long-Term Impact Review Team's
Citizens' Advisory Committee Meets in Farmington on Monday, March 28**

Santa Fe – The Gold King Mine Spill's Long-Term Impact Review Team's Citizens' Advisory Committee (CAC) meeting will be held in Farmington, New Mexico at San Juan College at 5:30 p.m. in the Henderson Center, Suns Room on March 28th. Kevin Lombard and Bonnie Hopkins from New Mexico State University will present on continuing activities and safeguards related to agriculture and irrigation ditches in San Juan County in light of heavy metal residues which remain throughout the watershed resulting from the August 5, 2015 toxic spill. The meeting will include opportunity for public comment and all are welcome to attend.

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New Mexico Governor Susana Martinez [created the Long-Term Impact Review Team](#) in August 2015 saying, "...I have called on state agencies to come together to work with local and federal officials to investigate and shed light on the potential impacts this waste spill could have on our families in the coming days, months, and years. And make no mistake about it: we will keep the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency honest when they say they intend to hold themselves accountable at an even higher standard than a private business." New Mexico's Departments of Environment, Agriculture, Health, Game & Fish, Homeland Security, and the Office of the State Engineer are collaborating with top academics and specialists from throughout New Mexico to track, catalog, and analyze the Gold King Mine Spill's effects on health, water, wildlife, agriculture, and sediment.

For more information please visit the New Mexico Environment Department's website at: www.NMEDRiverWaterSafety.org or send email to: NMENV-Outreach@state.nm.us

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