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### **Gold King Mine Spill Citizens' Advisory Committee Meets Monday to Discuss Drinking Water**

*Water from Wells and Public Systems to be Discussed*

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

Stephanie Stringer, Bureau Chief with the New Mexico Environment Department's Drinking Water Quality Bureau will provide an update.

The Citizens' Advisory Committee (CAC) is a group of 11 citizen volunteers from Northern New Mexico, including the Navajo Nation, who provide a forum for public concerns while tracking the scientific long-term monitoring activity of the Gold King Mine spill's effects in the state. The CAC was established by Governor Susana Martinez in 2015 to liaise between New Mexico's Long-Term Impact Review Team and stakeholders regarding the continuing effects of the August 5, 2015 mine blowout caused by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency. The blowout released three million gallons of mining wastewater laden with 880,000 pounds of metals into the Animas and San Juan River systems.

For more information please visit NMD's Gold King Mine website: [www.nmedRiverWaterSafety.org](http://www.nmedRiverWaterSafety.org)

For Citizens' Advisory Committee information please visit: <https://www.env.nm.gov/river-water-safety/animas-river-citizens-advisory-committee-public-participation-page/>

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