



COLORADO

Office of Emergency Preparedness & Response

Department of Public Health & Environment

Revenue Mine

M-2012-032

Print date 3/27/2015

CASE NUMBER: 2015-0178 DATE ENTERED: 3/27/2015 TIME ENTERED: 10:22
WHO TOOK REPORT: ANN NEDROW DATE REPORTED: 3/27/2015 TIME REPORTED: 10:05:00 AM

NRC NUMBER:

CALLER: KEN VALENTINE CONFIDENTIAL: N PHONE: 303-231-5465

ORGANIZATION: MINE SAFETY AND HEALTH ADMINISTRATION

STREET:

CITY: COUNTY:

STATE: CO ZIP CODE:

POTENTIALLY RESPONSIBLE PARTY FORTUNE REVENUE SILVER MINE

PRP CONTACT: FORTUNE MINERAL

PRP PHONE:

ADDRESS:

EMAIL:

CITY: OURAY COUNTY:

STATE: CO ZIP CODE:

EVENT DATE: 3/26/2015 EVENT TIME: 8:00:00 AM

LOCATION OURAY, SEE DIRECTIONS BELOW

MILE MARKER:

CITY: OURAY COUNTY: OURAY

STATE: CO ZIP CODE:

Latitude:

Longitude:

TYPE OF MATERIAL OTHER

MATERIAL1: MINING CHEMICALS	QUANTITY1:	UNIT1:	QTY TO WATER1:	UNIT1:
MATERIAL2:	QUANTITY2:	UNIT2:	QTY TO WATER2:	UNIT2:
MATERIAL3:	QUANTITY3:	UNIT3:	QTY TO WATER3:	UNIT3:

SOURCE: X

SOURCE TYPE SILVER MINE

CAUSE: DUMPING

CAUSE INFORMATION: Caller to the Mine Safety and Health Administration hotline reported the following. At the Fortune Revenue Silver Mine near Ouray, chemicals from the mine are not being filtered. High pH tailings are located all over the mine surface. When the tests for the pH are done, a neutralizer is applied to the sample so that it will test closer to the pH of 8 that is required. Water going down the pissditch, which should have been filtered is not filtered. It is very high in chemicals, very turbid, and this water is discharged via the sump pump to Canyon Creek. Where curbs should be installed, there are only dirt berms. The non-solid part of the draining material goes right through the dirt berm, and washes it out. Chemicals are not being stored properly. The reagent room has no curb as it is supposed to. This has been ongoing for

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approx. 1 year. Caller kept putting off calling because they might clean things up. It is very important to protect the confidentiality of the caller. On the Internet I found these directions to the mine. From Ouray, go south on US 550, go west to Camp Bird Rd, take slight right onto CO Rd 26. Continue onto Forest Rd 853, 1B Yankee Boy Basin. Arrive.

MEDIUM IMPACTED: WATER AND LAND

☐ Fixed Facility☒ Land☐ Air☐ Groundwater☐ Surface Water

Waterway Impacted:

CANYON CREEK --> UNCOMPAHGRE RIVER

NUMBER OF DEATHS:

NUMBER OF INJURIES:

EVACUATION:

NUMBER EVACUATED:

ACTION TAKEN:

CDPHE NOTIFIED: DRMS: TONY WALDRON, T KALDENBACH, RUSS MEANS; WQCD: M THIEBAUD, D KURZ, R CRIBBS, H DRISSEL, C KEEVER; HMWMD: R BEIERLE, J HENDERSON, E SMITTH, J O'ROURKE, S NEWTON, K STEWART, D FOSTER; CPW: MINDI MAY, D KRIEGER, J ALVES, E GARDUNIO, R DELPICCOLO

COMMENTS: Ouray County EH: Elisabeth Lawaczek, Jim Austin

RESPONDERS:

RESPONDER COMMENTS:

ADDITIONAL COMMENTS: