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Sent via email

Mr. Travis Marshall
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Dear Mr. Marshall,

Re: Request reduction in water sampling – Ouray Silver Mines

Ouray Silver Mines Inc. has been collecting underground water samples quarterly at 5 locations since 2011, and it is documented that during mining activities the metal loadings at the sample locations where mining activities took place became elevated. Since the end of July 2015 we have ceased mining and are no longer conducting any underground disturbance at these locations. Recent testing has shown that the water has stabilized back to baseline. Given we continue to evaluate options with respect to recommencing mining and no clear plan or timeline is currently in place, we request a reduction in the sampling frequency of the underground locations from quarterly to yearly.

Furthermore, the Atlas and Cumberland Drifts have not experienced any mining for many years, nor are there plans to mine those drifts in the future. Unless we plan to mine in these drifts, we feel that we have sufficient data to be able to stop sampling these two locations entirely going forward.

We propose to continue sampling on a yearly basis underground at the following locations (UG-1, UG-4 and UG5).

On surface we have been collecting groundwater well samples at the edge of the property near Sneffels Creek for over a year and a half. We request that we suspend the sampling of the upstream wells at 1a and 1b because, 1) we have no current plans to disturb the Atlas tailings area upstream of the mine, and 2) we have sufficient baseline water quality data at this time. If we plan to disturb the Atlas location in the future, we will recommence sampling at groundwater well 1a and 1b. For the sake of clarity, we will continue to sample groundwater wells 2a, 2b and 3a, 3b quarterly.

Please let me know if you have any questions or concerns.

Best regards,



Dianna Stoopnikoff
Environmental Relationships Manager