



COLORADO

Division of Reclamation,
Mining and Safety

Department of Natural Resources

1313 Sherman Street, Room 215
Denver, CO 80203

December 2, 2016

Eric R. Jacobson
Ouray Hydroelectric Plant
P.O. Box 1385
Ouray, CO 81427

RE: Citizen Complaint, Idarado Mine, Reference Numbers M1977403HR, CT-01

Dear Mr. Jacobson,

The Division of Reclamation, Mining and Safety (Division) is in receipt of your "*Citizen Complaint*" dated November 15, 2016. The complaint (CT-01) is in reference to water quality and quantity issues at the Idarado Mine located in Ouray County, Colorado. The water quality issues brought forward in your complaint appear to be covered under a consent decree judgement between the Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment (CDPHE), U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and the owners of the Idarado Mine. The water quantity issues have previously been addressed through correspondence with the State Engineer's Office (correspondence dated November 19, 2015 from Bob Hurford of the Division of Water Resources). Based on review of the file and interpretation of the consent decree, the Division believes it is without authority to address your specific concerns at this time. Please contact the agencies listed above, and party to the consent decree, for further discussions.

If you have any questions contact me at (303) 866-3567 ext. 8185, by mail at the address above, or via e-mail at russ.means@state.co.us.

Sincerely,

Senior Environmental Protection Specialist
Division of Reclamation, Mining and Safety
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