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Division of Reclamation,
Mining and Safety

Department of Natural Resources

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Memo to File

Date: July 7, 2017

From: Michael A. Cunningham

RE: Gilpin County; Citizen Complaint; DRMS File No. M-2017-028

On June 22, 2017 the Division received an anonymous citizen complaint regarding possible illegal mining activities in Gilpin County. A verbal statement was received by Tony Waldron and Michael Cunningham of the Division.

The complainant alleged a portable mill was set up inside of a sea container located on Black Hawk Towing property at 7469 Virginia Canyon Road, Central City, CO 80427. The complainant stated the mill had been in operation since April 2017. According to the complainant, the mill was being run by Jeff and Melissa Marshall of True Blue Custom Mining and Milling, LLC.

The complainant alleged an unknown quantity of electrical transformers were removed from the 'Chain of Mines' property. The electrical transformers were manufactured by General Electric prior to 1972. The complainant stated the transformer oil contained polychlorinated biphenyls (PCBs). The transformer oil was dumped onto the ground before the transformers were transported to Rocky Mountain Recycling.

