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**Permit no. M-1994-117**

1 message

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Mon, Jan 22, 2018 at 4:03 PM

To: "michaela.cunningham@state.co.us" &lt;michaela.cunningham@state.co.us&gt;

Dear Mike,

This email is in regards to permit no. M-1994-117, Amendment No. 1 (Revision AM-1) regarding running a water line to a mill in Gold Hill, Colorado.

We have concerns about this application to pump water from Lefthand Creek, up to the mill in Gold Hill. Mr. Steen is not well regarded in this community and the overwhelming feeling is that he likes to sneak around the rules and that he is not trustworthy. Nobody trusts him that I have met. From what I understand, he has been caught moving mine tailings from a mine several miles away to his mill in Gold Hill, which he had planned on processing there.

We are concerned that the pump, which he plans on placing next to the creek in Lefthand Canyon will be in a flood zone. This canyon was drastically changed during the flood of 2013 and the site where he plans on placing his pump will be, in my opinion, in an area which would easily be affected by any small rise in the creek's level. This is a concern as toxins could then spill into the water and onto the fragile stream ecosystem. The last pipeline he installed around 30 years ago was a failure and was never cleaned up. It continues to be an eyesore for our community and I worry that the pump would be quickly abandoned and also become a permanent piece of trash we'd all have to look at for many years. At a minimum, he should clean up the pipeline from 30 years ago before he begins with the new one.

We have other objections which are not handled by this department so we won't address them here. We would like to be a party to this matter and to be informed of the status of this application. Here is our contact information.

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Thank you,  
Norman Skarstad and Cynthia Michaels