

On Tue, Feb 4, 2020 at 11:32 AM Jacob Dyste - CDPHE <jacob.dyste@state.co.us> wrote:

Hi Michael,

Kelly Morgan suggested I reach out to you on an issue we are having with the Cross and Caribou Mines in Boulder County. If you are not the right person for this mine, please let me know.

I am not sure if you are aware, but the part-owner and caretaker of the mines, Tom Hendricks, passed away on January 6, 2020. It appeared he was having issues with the mine before his passing. The mine has had zinc and cadmium violations starting in November. The holding company for the mine has been investigating what is happening at the mine and they just notified me that one of the mine tunnels, the Idaho Tunnel, appears to have collapsed. It sounds like they are trying to rehabilitate the tunnel, but I am unclear on what the progress and issues are. Obviously, the Division is concerned about the recent decrease in water quality and potential impacts from the tunnel collapse.

We are curious if DRMS is aware of the issues at the Mines and if there is any documentation on what has been going on out there. Mr. Hendricks did not report any of these issues to the Division, so we are still working to clarify next steps.

Thanks you,

Jacob

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