

August 26, 2021

Steve Craig  
Union Milling Company, LLC  
P.O. Box 620490  
Littleton, CO 80162



1313 Sherman Street, Room 215  
Denver, CO 80203

***RE: Leadville Mill, Permit No. M-1990-057, Objection to CN-01 Application***

Mr. Craig:

On August 25, 2021 the Division of Reclamation, Mining and Safety (Division) received an objection to your conversion application (CN-01) from Rick Helmick. The objection is attached to this letter.

Please provide your response, to the jurisdictional issues presented in the objection, to the Division by September 24, 2021.

If you require additional information, or have questions or concerns, please contact me.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Dustin Czapla', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

***Dustin Czapla***  
Environmental Protection Specialist  
Division of Reclamation, Mining and Safety  
Phone: (303) 866-3567, ext. 8188



## **DRMS Comment OR Objection Intake Tool**



**COLORADO**  
Division of Reclamation,  
Mining and Safety  
Department of Natural Resources

By submitting this form, you are providing a comment or objection to the public record of a permitting action currently under review by the Division of Reclamation, Mining and Safety.

### **CONTACT INFORMATION**

#### **Date of Comment or Objection**

08/25/2021

**\*** *Indicates a Required Field*

#### **Contact Type \***

- ☐ Individual
- ☒ Group
- ☐ Agency
- ☐ Attorney

Please select the appropriate option above to identify who you represent.

#### **Group Name \***

Collegiate Peaks Chapter of Trout Unlimited

Please specify how you would like to provide the list of names of the individuals you are representing.

#### **I prefer \***

- ☒ to type in the names.
- ☐ upload a PDF of the names.

#### **List of persons represented**

#### **Your First Name \***

Rick

#### **Your Last Name \***

Helmick

#### **Your Address \***

12810 County Road 195

#### **Your Address 2**

#### **Your City \***

Salida

#### **Your State**

CO

#### **Your Zip Code \***

Maximum of 10 digits. (Example) 80202

81201

**Email Address \***

Enter a valid email address in this field to receive a confirmation e-mail.

helmick@gobrainstorm.net

**Your Phone Number \***

Used only to follow up.

9707690420

**Extension****Alternate Phone Number**

Used only to follow up.

**Alternate Phone Extension****Connection to Operation \***

Select all that apply

- ☐ Land Owner of affected land
- ☐ Mineral Owner
- ☐ Adjacent Land Owner
- ☐ Government Agency

- ☐ Structure Owner within 200' of affected land
- ☐ Nearby Resident
- ☒ Concerned Citizen
- ☒ Other Trout Unlimited Representative

**DESCRIPTION OF COMMENT OR OBJECTION**

(Please be as specific as possible)

**Comment/Objection Narrative \***

We suggest that the applicant plans to use the proposed geosynthetic clay liner (GCL) as a secondary liner and not a primary liner. Given the proximity to other water sources and the downstream Arkansas River, a GCL should be overlain by an impermeable plastic HDPE or chemically resistant liner. GCLs can crack under the right conditions and over time, and this is not a chance we want to take in this watershed.

**Permit Number \***

Enter valid letter and then numbers, for example M122112211 or C123456789.

M1990057

**Permitting Action Type**

Select revision type or leave blank if comment pertains to a new permit application or NOI

**Permit Type****County \***

Lake County

Enter one county only

**Site Name****Permittee/Operator Name**

Union Milling Co

**Comment or Objection \***

- ☐ Objection
- ☐ Support
- ☒ General Comment
- ☐ Agency Comment

## ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

**Are there supporting photos, maps, or documents you wish to upload? \***

☐ Yes ☒ No

By submitting this form electronically you agree to receive any/all follow up correspondence from the Division of Reclamation, Mining, and Safety at the email address you have provided.