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Fwd: Illegal Transport of Mine Tailings Without Permits.

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Thu, Apr 14, 2022 at 3:02 PM

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Good afternoon everyone:

I'm forwarding the following communication from Connor Taz.

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Thank you

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From: **Connor Tazz** <thetazzman235@yahoo.com>

Date: Thu, Apr 14, 2022 at 2:40 PM

Subject: Illegal Transport of Mine Tailings Without Permits.

To: drms_info@state.co.us <drms_info@state.co.us>

Hi, My name is Connor B. Tazz. I am writing to you today after being referred to your agency by Clear Creek County Environmental Health as well as the Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment.

While being employed by either Prospectors Gold and Gems or Rocky Flats Environmental Solutions LLC, I overheard conversation between my bosses, David (unknown last name) and Paul Danio, about how they were moving the Tailings from their property in Virginia Canyon near Idaho Springs, CO. to their Metal / Non-Metal Mill located in Arvada, CO. I heard Paul state "As far as they (The City of Idaho Springs / Clear Creek County / The State of Colorado) know, we are just clearing trash for a cabin."

This Tailings Pile was apart of The Foxhall Tunnel Mine that shut down in the 1920's or 1930's. Since then, it has gone untouched aside from the occasional prospector or explorer. Now about half of the pile has been removed (about 75+ tons of tailings) and transported down to the Mill located in Arvada, Colorado. The pile at the mill is currently waiting to be processed but a portion of it already has been processed. I know this as I helped process it before being fired. I didn't speak up at the time it was occurring out of fear of retaliation. Based on things said by Paul, I presume that they did not have the permits nor proper licensing to move said tailings.

Below are the coordinates for the Mine and the Mill. These coordinates have been placed directly where the piles are located.

Foxhall Portal / Mining Property: 39.756393, -105.518421

Rocky Flats Environmental Solutions LLC (Mill): 39.859011, -105.196642

The Tailings was transported during the Month of March. You can see on Google Maps Street View at the Mill, my jeep is parked there next to a SUV that is parked next to a big yellow loader. Where the loader sits in that picture is where the pile of tailings is sitting waiting to be processed currently.

David is the owner of Prospectors Gold and Gems located in Fort Collins, Co.

I am unsure if he owns Rocky Flats Environmental Solutions LLC or if Paul owns it.

Any help that you could offer would be much appreciated. Looking forward to your response. Thank you!

Connor B. Tazz

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