

Unified Command
Incident Action Plan

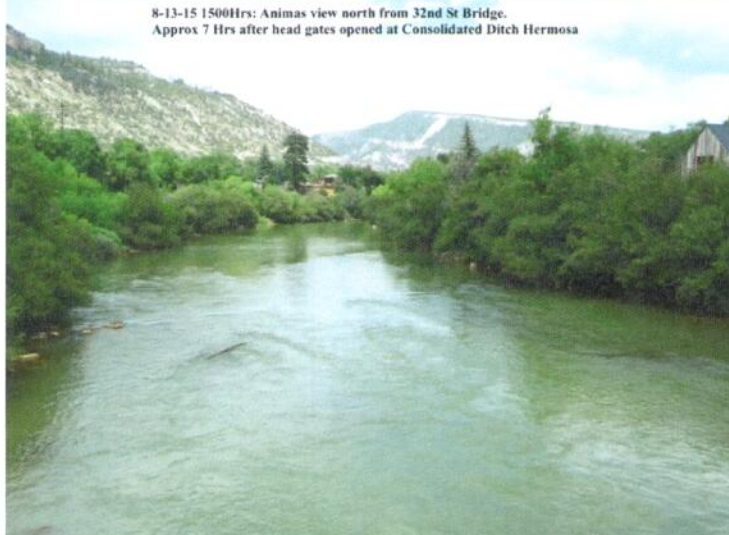
August 15, 2015 0700 MST to August 17, 2015 0700 MST

Gold King Mine Release

Site ID: A8K9RV

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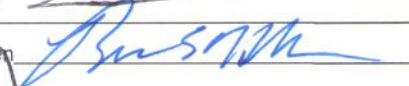
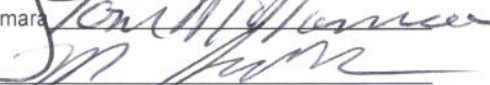
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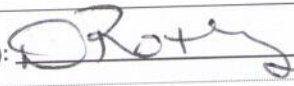


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State of New Mexico, PIO Liaison – Karen Takai

1. Incident Name Gold King Mine Release A8K9RV	2. Operational Period to be covered by IAP (Date/Time) From: 8/15/2015 0700 To: 8/17/2015 700	CG IAP COVER SHEET
3. Approved by Incident Commander(s):		
<u>ORG</u> EPA State of CO San Juan Basin Health Dept. La Plata County Southern Ute Tribe	<u>NAME</u> Craig Myers  Dave Osborn, Drew Petersen  Liane Jollon  Butch Knowlton, Tom McNamara  Kathi Gurule, Mick Souder 	
INCIDENT ACTION PLAN The items checked below are included in this Incident Action Plan: <u>Table of Contents</u> ☐ ICS 202 (Response Objectives) ☐ ICS 203 (Organization Chart) ☐ ICS 204 (Assignment Lists) ☐ ICS 205 (Communications Plan) ☐ ICS 205a (Communications List) ☐ ICS 206 (Medical Plan) ☐ ICS 207 (Incident Organization) ☐ ICS 208 (Site Safety Plan) ☐ ICS 215A ☐ ICS 230 ☐ Map ☐ Weather forecast <u>Other Attachments</u> Talking points from Joint Information Center Media Release dated 8/15/2015 (Animas River Opening) La Plata Sheriff Order opening Animas River Health Advisory related to opening of Animas River City of Durango Press Release related to pumping water from Animas River Incident within an Incident Form		
4. Prepared by: Karen Dickson PSC(t) 		Date/Time: August 15, 2015 1500 8/15/15 1815

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3. Incident Objective(s) - Continue private water well call tracking, follow up actions and owner communications. - Continue sampling plan and develop strategy to evaluate and mitigate risks due to sediment in the river. - Continue river assessment through sediment and water sampling. - Continue management of adit discharge and develop call down verification (CDPHE). - Effectively communicate with public and stakeholders utilizing a multi-faceted communication strategy to dissemination results. - Ensure health and safety of the public and response management personnel. - Develop a means to assess the economic impact upon affected communities - Coordinate with the Colorado Division of Water and Natural Resources and other stakeholders to assess and flush ditches. - Provide water of appropriate quality for specified use. - Continued coordination with the Department of Agriculture (including state and local veterinarians) and the Colorado Extension. - Maintain stability of mine road to ensure access. - Prepare for mine dump stabilization. - Amend field sampling plan to include assessment of remote areas of the canyon, execute when ready. - Develop a medium term groundwater assessment monitoring transition plan. - Develop medium term river monitoring plan to provide notification, warning and understanding to the public on longer term basis. - Develop well MCL exceedance follow up plan for private wells. - Begin demobilization communications.		
4. Operational Period Command Emphasis Communication openness and transparency with community and stakeholders		
5. Safety Objectives for Operational Period Report all injuries to command post		
☐ Approved Site Safety Plan Located at: _____		
6. Prepared by: (Planning Section Chief): <u></u>		Date/Time: <u>8/14/15 1835</u>
7. Approved by: (Incident Commander): _____		Date/Time: _____

ORGANIZATION ASSIGNMENT LIST(ICS 203)

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4. Operations Personnel: Operations Section Chief: <i>Joyel Dhieux</i> Branch Director: _____ Division/Group Supervisor: _____		Name _____ Contact Number(s) <i>720-441-9961</i> _____ _____		Division-A: Group: Staging Area:
5. Resources Assigned:				Reporting Location, Special Equipment and Supplies, Remarks, Notes, Information
Resource Identifier	Leader	# of Persons	Contact e.g., (phone, pager, radio, frequency, etc.)	
<i>SUIT SR</i>	<i>Curtis Hartenstine</i>	<i>2</i>	<i>303-842-4995</i>	<i>Single Resource</i>
<i>START</i>	<i>John West</i>	<i>10</i>	<i>303-748-3304</i>	<i>5 strike teams 2 person ea</i>
<i>CDPHE</i>	<i>Heather Drissel</i>	<i>4</i>	<i>719-295-5070</i>	<i>sampling staff</i>
<i>La Plata County</i>	<i>?</i>	<i>1</i>		<i>staff</i>

6. Work Assignments:
Conduct sampling of sediment, river water, well water and public water systems as per sampling plan. Incorporate well water priorities identified by the EPA, CDPHE and La Plata County hydrologists.

7. Special Instructions:
Be prepared for activity based water quality sampling.

8. Communications (radio and/or phone contact numbers needed for this assignment):

Name/Function	Assignment	Primary Contact: indicate cell, pager, or radio (frequency/system/channel)

9. Prepared by: Name: *Joyel Dhieux* Position/Title: *Ops Sec Chief* Signature:

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4. Operations Personnel:				Division-D: Group: Staging Area:	
		<u>Name</u>	<u>Contact Number(s)</u>		
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Branch Director:					
Division/Group Supervisor:		Joni Sandoval	303-241-1356		

5. Resources Assigned:			Reporting Location, Special Equipment and Supplies, Remarks, Notes, Information
Resource Identifier	Leader	# of Persons	Contact e.g., (phone, pager, radio, frequency, etc.)
EPA-OSC	David Romero	1	
START		1	
ERRS	Art Slayton	1	912-656-7211

6. Work Assignments:
 Assessment of ditches upon request. Coordinatate any additional ditch flushing/mitigation (ie. Stakeholders - county, CDPHE. Southern Ute Tribe, Ditch Presidents, etc.) as appropriate.

 Property assessment and mitigation upon request.

 Provide bottled water and water delivery as appropriate.

7. Special Instructions: none

8. Communications (radio and/or phone contact numbers needed for this assignment):

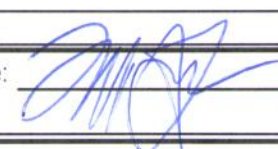
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9. Prepared by: Name: Joyel dhieux Position/Title: Ops Sec Chief Signature:

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4. Operations Personnel:				Division-D: Group: Staging Area:	
Operations Section Chief: _____ Branch Director: <i>Mike Davis</i> Division/Group Supervisor: <i>Shawn Montgomery</i>		Name _____ Contact Number(s) _____			
5. Resources Assigned:					
Resource Identifier	Leader	# of Persons	Contact e.g., (phone, pager, radio, frequency, etc.)	Reporting Location, Special Equipment and Supplies, Remarks, Notes, Information	
<i>Tribal</i>	<i>Sacha Smith</i> <i>Anna-Marie Garcia</i>	<i>1</i>			
<i>CDPHE</i>	<i>Jeannine Notterman</i>	<i>1</i>	<i>3039212208</i>		
<i>La Plata County</i>	<i>Susan Hakanson (Sat.)</i> <i>Sarah Jacobson (Sun.)</i>	<i>1</i>			
<i>SJBH</i>	<i>Claire Ninde (Sun.)</i> <i>Lori Zazzanro (Sat.)</i>	<i>1</i>	<i>970-749-1513</i> <i>703-505-9771</i>	<i>JIC</i> <i>JIC Call Ctr. Coord.</i>	
<i>Unaffiliated</i>	<i>Scott Pribble</i>	<i>1</i>	<i>720-418-1716</i>		
6. Work Assignments: <i>Coordinate information between agencies to public dissemination.</i> <i>Handle agency specific public dissemination.</i> <i>Social media monitoring.</i> <i>Develop informational talking points for field representatives.</i> <i>Develop anticipated public interest questions.</i> <i>Incoming Calls Q&A delegation.</i>					
7. Special Instructions: <i>Any and all coordinated public information releases must go through JIC Manager via Lead PIO for UC approval.</i> <i>Any public dissemination involving Area Command must go through Area Lead PIO.</i>					
8. Communications (radio and/or phone contact numbers needed for this assignment):					
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3. BASIC RADIO CHANNEL USE					
SYSTEM / CACHE	CHANNEL	FUNCTION	FREQUENCY	ASSIGNMENT	REMARKS
ICP/LOGS	LPC EOC 1	ICP COMMS	DTRS	As Needed	
SITE/MINE	8TAC92				
4. Prepared by: (Communications Unit) Steve Schroeder COML <i>Steve Schroeder</i>					
Date / Time 8/14/2015 0700					
INCIDENT RADIO COMMUNICATIONS PLAN					
ICS 205-CG (Rev. 07/04)					

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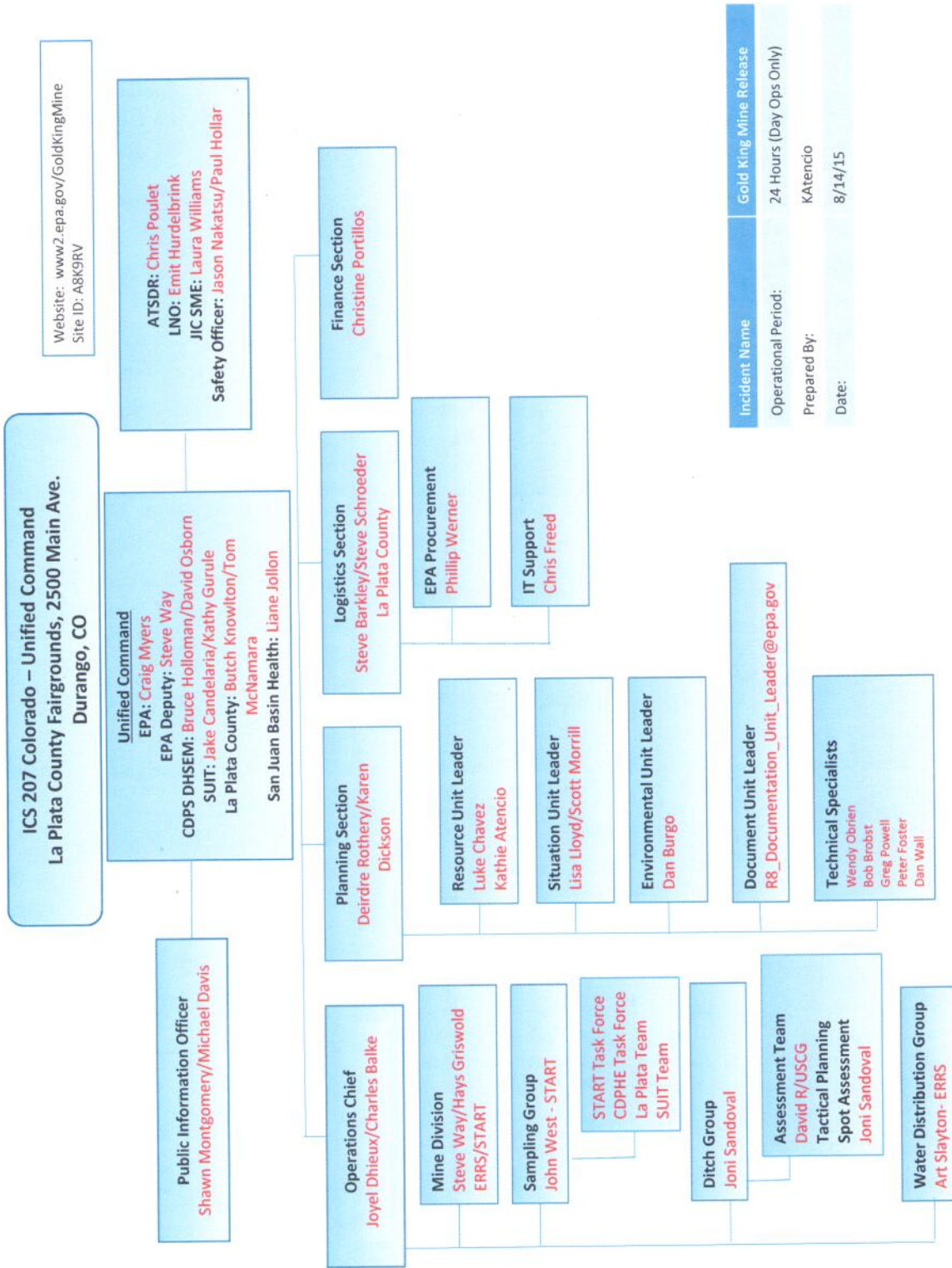
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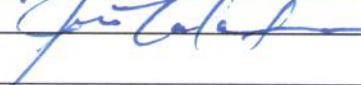
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Lucas	Manchengo	USCG PST		817-715-9996	No	
Ryan	Schmid	USCG PST	ryan.c.schmid@uscg.mil	415-798-6475	Yes	
Cody	Tedeschi	USCG PST		925-286-6250	No	
Missy	Larsen	UT Attorney General				
Sean	Reyes	UT Attorney General				
Peter	Butler	Water Expert	butlerpeter2@gmail.com		Yes	
Peter	Foster	Wright Water Engineer	pfoster@wrightwater.com		Yes	
Ryan	Good	Wright Weather Engineer			?	
Fechter	Lynn				Yes	
Bastawade	Vijay					

Generic Emails/Phones	Phone/Email
Claims	970-828-1119
Claims 1800 Number	844-607-9700
Durango Fire Protection District	970-382-6000
Durango La Plata Dispatch	970-385-2900
Media	970-812-3351
San Juan Valley OEM	oem@sanjuancountycolorado.us



MEDICAL PLAN (ICS 206)

1. Incident Name: Gold King Mine Release ASK9		2. Operational Period: Date From: 8/15/15 Date To: 8/17/15 Time From: 0700 Time To: 0700					
3. Medical Aid Stations:							
Name	Location	Contact Number(s)/Frequency	Paramedics on Site?				
Urgent Care	2577 Main Street, Durango, CO	970-247-8382	Yes				
Silverton Clinic	1450 Green Street, Silverton, Co	970-387-5023	Yes				
4. Transportation (indicate air or ground):							
Ambulance Service	Location	Contact Number(s)/Frequency	Level of Service				
Durango FPD (G)	104 Shepard Dr., Durango, CO	970-382-6000	ALS				
Silverton/SJ Ambulance (G)	1450 Green Street, Silverton, CO	970-387-5887	ALS				
Flight For Life (A)	11600 W. 2 nd Place, Lakewood, CO	720-321-3900	ALS				
ALCS Advanced Air (A)		800-633-3590	ALS				
5. Hospitals:							
Hospital Name	Address, Latitude & Longitude if Helipad	Contact Number(s)/Frequency	Travel Time		Trauma Center	Burn Center	Helipad
			Air	Ground			
Mercy Medical Center	1010 Three Springs Blvd,	970-764-2100 ER 970-247-4311 (main)	5 min	20 min	Type III	No	Yes
St Anthony Hospital-Centura	11600 W. 2 nd Place, Lakewood, CO	720-321-0600			Type 1	Yes	Yes
6. Special Medical Emergency Procedures:							
In the event of an emergency call 911 and seek medical attention immediately.							
Notify Immediate Supervisor and Safety Officer, report all injuries and accidents no matter how minor. Safety Officer Jason Nakatsu 619-865-3030 Safety Officer Paul Hollar 970-759-1734							
For major injuries or accidents an incident within an incident will be declared. The Incident Commander will be Craig Myers for EPA personnel / contractors, Butch Knowlton for all other events. Safety Officer will be Jason Nakatsu 619-865-3030.							
An AED and first aid kit are located in the command post.							
7. Prepared by (Medical Unit Leader): Name: Paul Hollar SOF3 Signature: 							
8. Approved by (Safety Officer): Name: Jason Nakatsu Signature: 							
ICS 206	IAP Page	Date/Time: 8/14/15 10:00					

Safety Message

1. Incident Name: Gold King Mine Release	2. Operational Period: Date From: 8/15/15 Time From: 7:00 am Date To: 8/17/15 Time To: 7:00 am
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Safety Message/Expanded Safety Message, Safety Plan, Site Safety Plan:

As personnel continue to work the incident fatigue, complacency, and stress will continue to increase. Awareness of surroundings, focusing on one task at a time, taking breaks as needed, and an increased awareness of supervisors is critical to staying safe.

Please remember to follow protocols, policies, HASP's, and best practices. Ensure proper PPE is worn when required and decon properly after use. Anyone visiting the mine site is required to wear at minimum safety shoes, a hard hat, safety vest, and protective eyewear. Review MSDS sheets prior to handling any hazardous material. If you need additional PPE see your supervisor or the safety officers. Be careful of footing when in the field taking samples, PFD's are required when within 6' of the river.

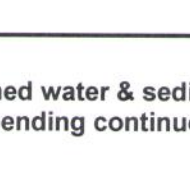
If new to the area the altitude can affect your health and endurance. The use of sunscreen, taking frequent breaks, and staying hydrated can reduce the effects.

While you do it every day driving is probably the most dangerous thing you will do today. Please watch for wildlife, avoid distracted driving (texting and talking), wear your seatbelt, and obey all traffic laws. Share driving duties with co-workers when possible. If driving long distances take breaks, get out, stretch, and walk around. **Slow Down! You aren't late if you arrive safe!**

Please report any accident, injury, or illness to the safety officers. Also report near misses, lessons learned may save someone else in the future.

4. Site Safety Plan Required? Yes

Approved Site Safety Plan(s) Located At: Gold King Mine (mine operations), Combined water & sediment sampling health and safety plan is under development (8/11/15-EPA IMT SO arrival pending continued work)

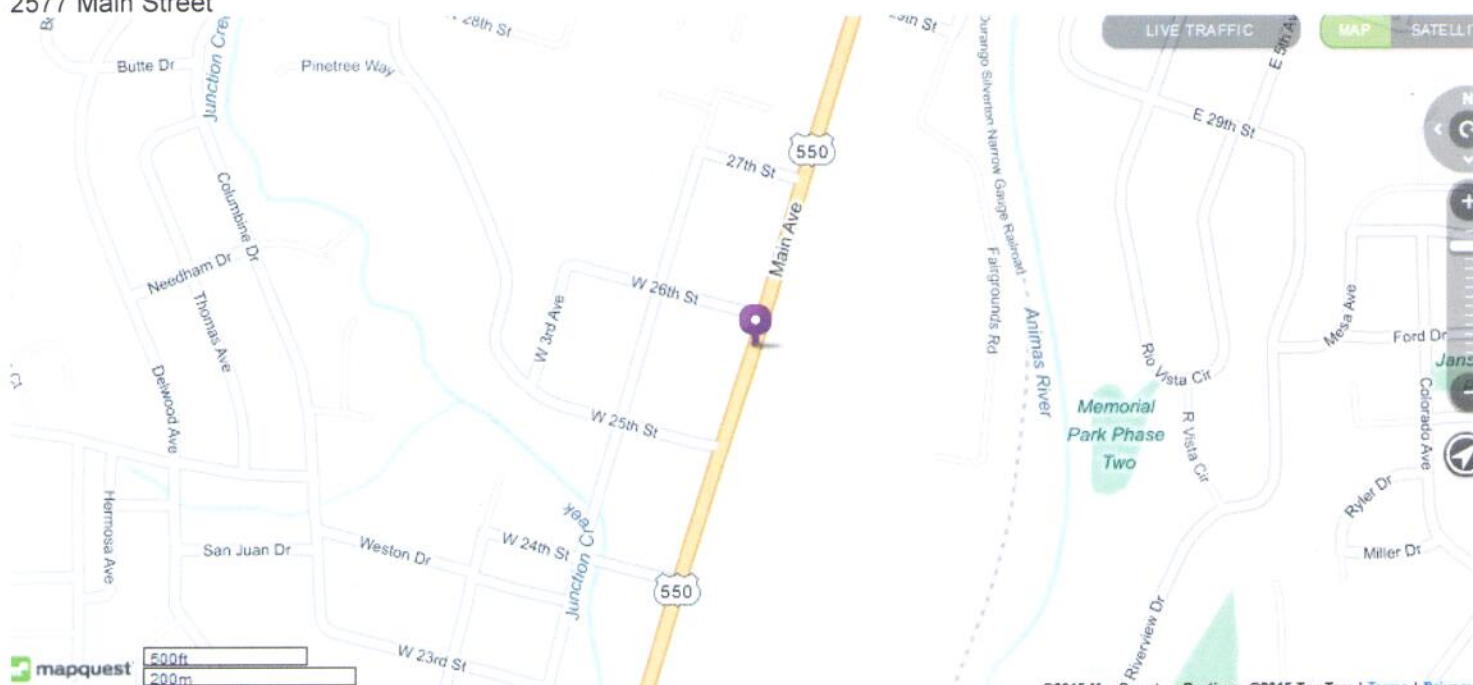
5. Prepared by: Name: Jason Nakatsu, Paul Hollar Position/Title: SO, SOF3 _____ Signature: 

ICS 208

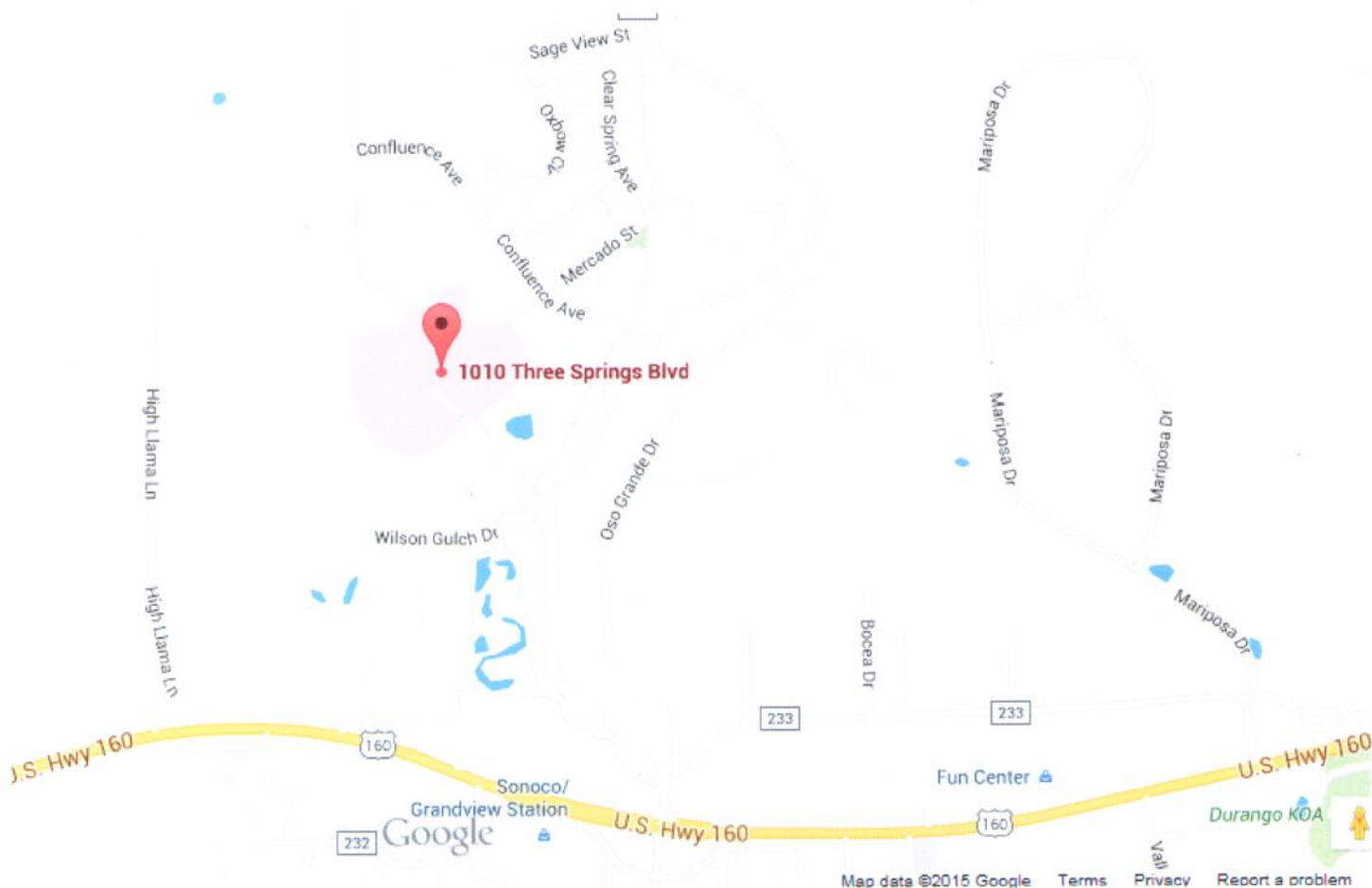
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Date/Time: 8/14/15 2:00 pm

Urgent Care Map 2577 Main Street



Mercy Medical Center 1010 Three Springs Blvd



1. Incident Name Gold King Mine Release A8K9RV		2. Operational Period (Date/Time) From: 8/15/2015 0700 To: 8/17/2015 0700		DAILY MEETING SCHEDULE ICS 230-OS	
3. Meeting Schedule (Commonly-held meetings are included)					
Date/ Time	Meeting Name	Purpose	Attendees	Location	
0700	Morning Briefing	Review prior days' events, plan for current day. Pass out IAP. Conduct Safety Brief	Everyone	ICP Main room	
0730	Unified Command	Discuss day's objectives	Unified Command	ICP Main Room	
0830	Command and General Staff	Present decisions and management direction to all Command and General Staff. Clarify objectives, close open items	Command & General Staff, SITL	ICP Main Room	
0900	Area Command Call	EPA/UC Coordination	EPA/UC Area Command	Area Command Room	
0930	Daily PIO Call	Determine communication needs	JIC	Conference call	
1100	Tactics Meeting 8/14 & 8/16	Develop primary and alternate Strategies to meet Incident Objectives for the next Operational Period.	PSC, OPS, LSC	ICP Main Room	
1400	Planning Meeting 8/14 & 8/16	Review status and finalize strategies and assignments to meet Incident Objectives for the next Operational Period.	Determined by the IC/UC	ICP Main Room	
1400	Congressional Call	Discuss communication strategies with officials	EPA /Elected officials	Conference Call	
1400	PIO Checkin	Discussion with PIOs	PIOs only	JIC	
1500	Media Call	Discuss day's events, Q&A session	EPA and Media	ICP Main Room	
1800	Unified Command Meeting	Review/ identify objectives for the next operational period	Unified Command members	Picnic area	
4. Prepared by: Karen Dickson, Deputy PSC(t)			Date/Time 8/14/2015 1743		
					
DAILY MEETING SCHEDULE				ICS 230-OS	







Gold King Mine Blowout

Animas River Overview Map

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Current conditions at

Durango (22) (CO058)

Lat: 37.26867°N Lon: 107.8842°W Elev: 6439ft.

NA

55°F

13°C

Humidity 75%
 Wind Speed NA
 Barometer NA
 Dewpoint 47°F (8°C)
 Visibility NA
 Last update 14 Aug 5:27 am MDT

Extended Forecast for Durango CO

Today	Tonight	Saturday	Saturday Night	Sunday	Sunday Night	Monday	Monday Night	Tuesday
10%		20%	10%	20%	10%			
Mostly Sunny then isolated T-storms	Partly Cloudy	Mostly Sunny then isolated T-storms	Slight Chance T-storms then Partly Cloudy	Mostly Sunny then Slight Chance T-storms	Slight Chance T-storms then Partly Cloudy	Mostly Sunny	Partly Cloudy	Mostly Sunny then Slight Chance T-storms
High: 88 °F	Low: 56 °F	High: 87 °F	Low: 56 °F	High: 88 °F	Low: 56 °F	High: 86 °F	Low: 55 °F	High: 85 °F

Detailed Forecast

Today

Isolated showers and thunderstorms after 2pm. Mostly sunny, with a high near 88. Calm wind becoming west around 5 mph in the afternoon. Chance of precipitation is 10%.

Tonight

Partly cloudy, with a low around 56. West wind around 5 mph becoming north northeast after midnight.

Saturday

Isolated showers and thunderstorms after noon. Mostly sunny, with a high near 87. North northeast wind 5 to 10 mph becoming west southwest in the morning. Chance of precipitation is 20%.

Saturday Night

A 10 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms before midnight. Partly cloudy, with a low around 56. West northwest wind 5 to 10 mph becoming north northeast after midnight.

Sunday

A 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms after noon. Mostly sunny, with a high near 88. Light and variable wind becoming west 5 to 10 mph in the afternoon.

Sunday Night

A 10 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms before midnight. Partly cloudy, with a low around 56.

Monday

Mostly sunny, with a high near 86.

Monday Night

Partly cloudy, with a low around 55.

Tuesday

A slight chance of showers and thunderstorms after noon. Mostly sunny, with a high near 85.

Tuesday Night

Partly cloudy, with a low around 53.

Wednesday

Sunny, with a high near 82.

Wednesday Night

Partly cloudy, with a low around 51.

Thursday

Sunny, with a high near 82.



Point Forecast:

Durango CO
 37.27°N 107.88°W (Elev. 6598 ft)

Last Update:

3:17 am MDT Aug 14, 2015

Forecast Valid:

6am MDT Aug 14, 2015-6pm MDT Aug 20, 2015

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Current conditions at

MOLAS PASS (CAMLP)

Lat: 37.75139°N Lon: 107.69111°W Elev: 10801ft.

NA

48°F

9°C

Humidity 77%
 Wind Speed W 1 G 3 MPH
 Barometer NA
 Dewpoint 41°F (5°C)
 Visibility NA
 Last update 14 Aug 5:00 am MDT

Extended Forecast for Silverton CO

Today	Tonight	Saturday	Saturday Night	Sunday	Sunday Night	Monday	Monday Night	Tuesday
30%	20%	40%	30%	30%	30%	20%		
Mostly Sunny then Scattered T-storms	Isolated T-storms then Partly Cloudy	Mostly Sunny then Scattered T-storms	Scattered T-storms	Chance T-storms	Chance T-storms	Slight Chance T-storms	Slight Chance T-storms	Mostly Sunny then Slight Chance T-storms
High: 74 °F	Low: 42 °F	High: 73 °F	Low: 43 °F	High: 73 °F	Low: 43 °F	High: 72 °F	Low: 43 °F	High: 71 °F

Detailed Forecast

Today

Scattered showers and thunderstorms, mainly after 4pm. Partly sunny, with a high near 74. Light and variable wind becoming west 5 to 10 mph in the afternoon. Chance of precipitation is 30%.

Tonight

Isolated showers and thunderstorms before 10pm. Partly cloudy, with a low around 42. West wind around 5 mph becoming calm in the evening. Chance of precipitation is 20%.

Saturday

Scattered showers and thunderstorms after 1pm. Partly sunny, with a high near 73. Light and variable wind becoming west northwest 5 to 10 mph in the morning. Chance of precipitation is 40%.

Saturday Night

Scattered showers and thunderstorms, mainly before 7pm. Mostly cloudy, with a low around 43. West northwest wind around 5 mph becoming calm in the evening. Chance of precipitation is 30%.

Sunday

A slight chance of showers and thunderstorms before 7am, then a chance of showers and thunderstorms after 1pm. Mostly sunny, with a high near 73. Light and variable wind becoming west northwest 5 to 10 mph in the morning. Chance of precipitation is 30%.

Sunday Night

A 30 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms, mainly before 7pm. Mostly cloudy, with a low around 43.

Monday

A 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms after 7am. Mostly sunny, with a high near 72.

Monday Night

A slight chance of showers and thunderstorms before 1am. Mostly cloudy, with a low around 43.

Tuesday

A slight chance of showers and thunderstorms after 1pm. Mostly sunny, with a high near 71.

Tuesday Night

A slight chance of showers and thunderstorms before 1am. Partly cloudy, with a low around 40.

Wednesday

Mostly sunny, with a high near 69.

Wednesday Night

Partly cloudy, with a low around 39.

Thursday

Mostly sunny, with a high near 70.



Point Forecast:

Silverton CO
 37.82°N 107.64°W (Elev. 9400 ft)

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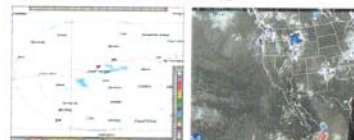
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Government Field Notes

What are you doing?

On August 5, the Gold King Mine released water that was held above the mine tunnel, spilling about 3 million gallons of mine waste into Cement Creek a tributary of the Animas River. Even though the majority of the mine water from the event has passed, both EPA and the Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment continue to monitor the situation by sampling water and sediment to determine the long term course action.

Is it safe to use the river?

The data indicates that the river has returned to stable conditions that are not a concern for human health during typical recreational exposure. There will be some discoloration of the water when the sediment is disturbed, this discoloration does not pose an immediate health risk. The San Juan Basin Health Department concurs with the state health department findings, and advises that there are no adverse health effects from exposure to the water and sediment during normal recreational use (incidental or limited exposure). The San Juan Basin Health Department advises the public to avoid areas with orange sediment or discolored standing water. Further, anyone coming in contact with any orange sediment or discolored standing water should wash with soap and water.

How do I get more information?

San Juan Basin Health
281 Sawyer Drive #200
Durango, Colorado 81303
970-385-8700
email: animasriver2015@gmail.com
web: www.sjbhd.org

Contract Field Talking Points

What are you doing?

I am performing environmental sampling in support of the Animas River Unified Command.

Contract personnel are free to explain standard operating procedures:

- gloves are used to preserve sample integrity, they are not required for person protection
- explain preservation steps
- explain how to sample, etc.

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For additional information:
Please contact the Joint Information Center at 970-812-3351

August 14, 2015
12:00 p.m.

Update on Local Response to Gold King Mine and Animas River Impacts - Sheriff Smith Opens Recreation on the River in La Plata County

Durango, CO – The Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment has collected and analyzed sediment from the Animas River. The data show levels of contamination are below what would be a concern for human health during typical recreational exposure.

Based on this statement from the state health department, Sheriff Sean Smith has made the decision to open the river to recreational use with the attached health advisory from the state health department. Sheriff Smith said, "My primary concern is the public health and safety of our community. In an abundance of caution, with the consultation of all our partner agencies, I issued the order to close the river to recreational uses on Thursday, August 6. With the release of preliminary results from the state health department and its accompanying recommendation, I am opening our river for recreation effective Friday, August 14, 2015 at noon with the health advisory."

Sediment is just one indicator of a healthy river, and there is some level of contamination in most Colorado rivers because of past mining activities and the geology of the state. The Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment does not anticipate adverse health effects from exposure to contaminants detected in the water and sediment during typical recreational activities. The Agency for Toxic Substances and Disease Registry recommends the following recommendations are prudent public health practices regarding contact with sediments and surface water:

1. Don't drink untreated water from the river
2. Wash hands thoroughly with soap and water after contact with the sediment and surface water.
3. Avoid contact in areas where there is visible discoloration in sediment or river water.
4. Wash clothes after contact with sediments and surface water.

In addition, the EPA sediment samples collected in the Animas River from Baker's Bridge to north of Durango have been analyzed but not yet validated. EPA has done a preliminary review of the data which included a comparison to background to determine if the metal concentrations are consistent with pre-

incident levels. Metal results that exceeded pre-incident levels were subsequently compared to risk-based screening levels. These preliminary results indicate that minor exceedances of background concentrations were observed for antimony, lead, silver, thallium. However, comparison to risk-based screening values found these exceedances to be below risk screening levels.

The review and interpretation of these data was a collaborative effort that included state and local members of the unified command. Once EPA sediment data is validated, it will be posted online at:
<http://www2.epa.gov/goldkingmine>

While conditions in the Animas River today have been determined safe for recreational use, irrigation ditches that draw from the river currently are being flushed, and agricultural users should continue to exercise patience until this process is complete.

La Plata County has flushed and allowed use of some irrigation ditches for watering crops such as wheat and alfalfa. The county is systematically working to reopen all ditches. Operators of ditches that use water from the Animas River are asked to call the La Plata County Call Center at 970-385-8700 so officials can coordinate reopening of all river head gates. Flushing may cause local, temporary discoloration of the Animas River, which should clear quickly.

Gardeners who use water from the Animas River and grow leafy vegetables and root crops should call the CSU Extension office at 970-382-6463. Answers to questions are site and crop specific.

The Colorado Department of Agriculture State Veterinarian's Office is confident that water from the Animas River can be used to water livestock. "The information we have received shows that water quality levels are comparable to those prior to the spill," said Dr. Carl Heckendorf, State Veterinarian for the Colorado Department of Agriculture. "We will continue to monitor the situation and will provide updates if it becomes necessary."

Local, tribal, state and federal agencies will continue to test water and sediment routinely and will respond quickly to any potential issues.

Incident information is posted to the La Plata County website at <http://www.co.laplata.co.us/emergency>, San Juan Basin Health Department's Website at www.sjbhd.org, on Facebook at www.facebook.com/LaPlataCounty, and <http://www.facebook.com/sanjuanbasinhealth>. Data is posted to Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment website at <https://www.colorado.gov/pacific/cdphe/animas-river-spill>, at EPA's website at <http://www2.epa.gov/goldkingmine>. La Plata County has set up a call center for questions from citizens at 970-385-8700, open from 8:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. Southern Ute Tribal members may call the Tribal Hotline at 970-563-5025.

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ORDER OF THE LA PLATA COUNTY COLORADO SHERIFF
TERMINATING THE USE RESTRICTIONS ON THE ANIMAS RIVER

AUGUST 14, 2015

Pursuant to the authority vested in me under C.R.S. §§ 33-13-111 and 112, I, Sean Smith, Sheriff of La Plata County, Colorado, hereby issue this Order dated August 14, 2015.

I. Background

A. On August 5, 2015, the EPA and State Division of Reclamation, Mining and Safety team working to investigate and address contamination at the Gold King Mine in San Juan County, Colorado unexpectedly triggered a large release of mine waste water into the upper portions of Cement Creek located in San Juan County, Colorado. Revised estimates are that the release contained approximately 3 million gallons of water that was held behind unconsolidated debris near an abandoned mine portal.

B. The EPA recommended that recreational users of the Animas River avoid contact with or use of the river until the pulse of mine water passed.

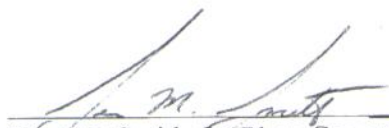
C. After consultation with the EPA, Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment and San Juan Basin Health Department, I determined that a hazard to human life and safety existed within La Plata County and on August 6, 2015 issued an order imposing use restrictions on the Animas River.

D. The San Juan Basin Health Department and the Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment have determined and advised me that it is safe to reopen the river to recreational use, subject to the attached list of advisements.

D. Based upon sampling data that has now been produced and in consultation with local, state and federal officials, I have determined that the threat to human life and safety has passed and that it is appropriate to terminate the restrictions put in place on August 6, 2015, subject to the attached advisements.

II. Directive

As of August 14, 2015 at 12:01 p.m., the official use restrictions put in place on August 6, 2015 shall be lifted and recreational activities on the entirety of the Animas River located within the jurisdiction of La Plata County may be fully restored, subject to the attached health advisements.


Sean M. Smith, La Plata County Sheriff

Animas River Health Advisory

The Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment has collected and analyzed water quality and sediment from the Animas River. The data indicates that the river has returned to stable conditions that are not a concern for human health during typical recreational exposure. There will be some discoloration of the water when the sediment is disturbed, this discoloration does not pose an immediate health risk.

The San Juan Basin Health Department concurs with the state health department findings, and advises that there are no adverse health effects from exposure to the water and sediment during normal recreational use (incidental or limited exposure). The San Juan Basin Health Department advises the public to avoid areas with orange sediment or discolored standing water. Further, anyone coming in contact with any orange sediment or discolored standing water should wash with soap and water.

The Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment will continue to test water and sediment routinely and will respond quickly to any potential issues. Visit the [state health department website](#) for data and updates. The San Juan Basin Health Department will remain in contact with state health department and will provide any updates and public health recommendations as necessary.

EFFECTIVE FRIDAY, AUGUST 14, 2015 at 12:00PM

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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE, AUGUST 14, 2015

NEWS RELEASE

City Begins Pumping

Durango, CO: As of 2:00 p.m. this afternoon, the City of Durango has resumed pumping raw water from the Animas River for further treatment. The decision to resume pumping was made after the City received the results of independent water quality tests. On August 12th, the City was notified by the Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment that the City could begin drawing water from the Animas River as needed for drinking water treatment.

During pumping, City Utilities department staff will continue to analyze water quality samples according to already established protocols to ensure the safety of the City's drinking water supply. Results of the testing will be posted on the City's website at www.durangogov.org/utilities.

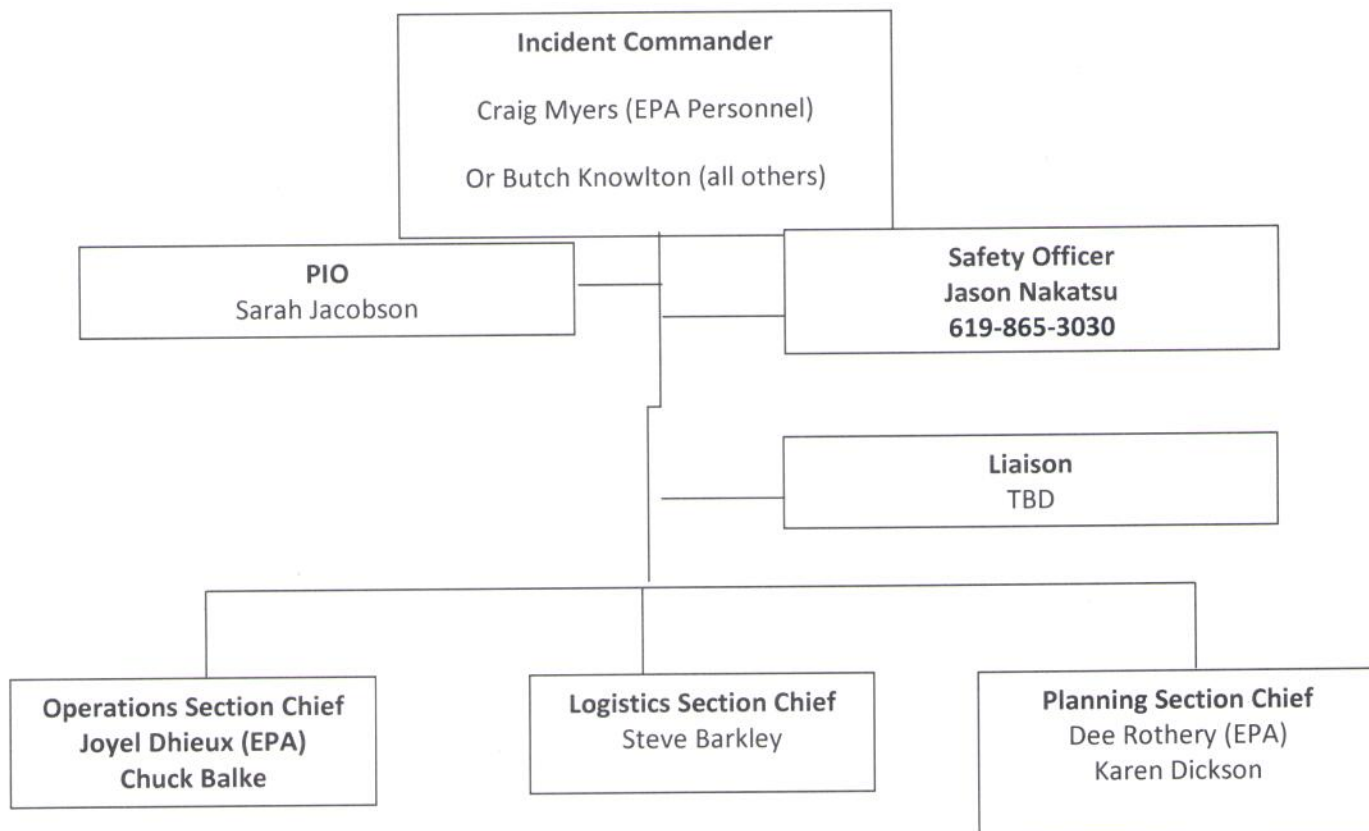
Residents and businesses can now resume responsible outdoor irrigation. "A huge thank you to our community," commented Mayor Dean Brookie. "We put out the call to discontinue outdoor irrigation and the community responded by reducing their usage by more than two million gallons a day in just 48 hours. We appreciate everyone's cooperation in helping to keep our drinking water safe."

The City will utilize a phase approach to allow the use of City water for larger irrigation needs such as the Hillcrest Golf Course, Fort Lewis College, 9-R School District, and City parks.

For more information on water saving tips, please visit www.durangogov.org/utilities.

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Incident Within an Incident Organizational Chart
Accident or Injury Incident



In the case of an EMS incident that occurs within our incident, this will be the structure. If the incident involves an EPA employee or contractor, EPA Incident Staff will assume control of the incident, for all other staff secondary names will assume the role.