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**Hazardous Materials
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Department of Public Health & Environment

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Via e-mail to: Williams.Laura@epa.gov

RE: Request for Removal Program Assistance - Manila Lode, Summit County Colorado

Dear Ms. Williams:

For the last decade, there has been significant effort to address environmental risk from numerous abandoned mines in the Snake River Watershed in Summit County Colorado. These efforts, undertaken by several state, federal, local and non-profit entities, have successfully mitigated metals loading from several of the most significant sources of contamination in the watershed.

In spite of these successes, multiple abandoned mines continue to contribute heavy metals contamination to the Snake River and its tributaries. The Manila Lode site, located near the Town of Montezuma is one of these sources. Due to the site's proximity to residential areas, and the heavy recreational use of the area, Summit County, in cooperation with Trout Unlimited has performed additional assessment work at this site and used the results of that assessment to develop a conceptual plan to reduce the environmental risks identified at the Manila Lode.

Unfortunately, neither CDPHE nor Summit County have the financial resources to address environmental hazards associated with this site, and therefore, CDPHE is requesting EPA assistance in the form of a CERCLA removal action to address the human health and environmental risk posed by the site.

Should EPA decide to proceed with a response action at this site, Colorado looks forward to providing support as part of its on-going efforts to render care, assistance and advice in accordance with the National Contingency Plan and at the direction of EPA's on-scene coordinators and remedial project managers, as set forth in section 107(d) of CERCLA, 42 U.S.C. § 9607(d).



If you have any questions, please feel free to call me. Due to current COVID restrictions, I can most easily be reached on my cell phone at (303) 913-9375.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Douglas C. Jamison". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial "D".

Douglas C. Jamison
Superfund\Brownfields Unit Leader
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cc: Paul Peronard, EPA
Jeff Graves, DRMS
Jason King, COAGO

