

Colorado's long-term monitoring plan status update

Collecting data for assessing risks to public health and the environment in the Upper Animas River Basin

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Since May 2, 2016, water quality samples have been delivered to the Colorado Laboratory Services Division weekly by the San Juan Basin Health Department. Samples are analyzed for total and dissolved metals. Laboratory analytical results are currently pending and when reported will be paired with instantaneous data and posted to the CDPHE Animas River spill webpage.

Local health agencies and CDPHE will continue weekly sampling at the four sites until mid-July 2016 and subsequently will perform verification sampling, as needed, in response to exceedences of established alert notification thresholds at two U.S. Geological Survey gages near the Town of Silverton. Updates will be provided bi-monthly through July and periodically thereafter.

Water quality samples are collected at four monitoring sites:

1. CEM49 - Cement Creek at mouth
2. 82 - Animas River near Silverton
3. 81 - Animas River at Bakers Bridge
4. 9423A - Animas River at Durango 9th Street Bridge



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