



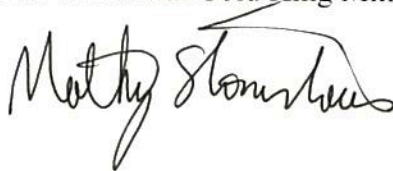
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MEMORANDUM

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SUBJECT: Transmittal of Addendum to EPA Internal Gold King Mine Review Report

FROM: Mathy Stanislaus
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TO: Gina McCarthy
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This memorandum transmits an addendum to the August 24, 2015, Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) internal review team's Gold King Mine report.

This addendum provides clarity pursuant to additional information that has become available since the initial EPA Internal Review report was issued on August 26, 2015. This includes information presented in the October 2015 Department of the Interior/Bureau of Reclamation (BOR) Technical Review of the Gold King Mine Incident (DOI Report), as well as reservations expressed by the US Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) peer reviewer regarding internal EPA communication and coordination, especially in light of the work at the site on August 4 and 5 and the planned August 14 consultation with the Bureau of Reclamation (BOR).

Since the EPA internal review report did not identify this coordination as an area of concern or include any extensive related discussion, we reviewed these findings and I asked Nancy Grantham and Dana Stalcup to conduct follow up interviews with the two On-Scene Coordinators (OSCs) most closely associated with the event. The interviews focused primarily on the coordination and communication and the "handoff" of site management between the two OSCs, and how the work being conducted on August 4 and 5 related to the planned August 14 consultation with BOR, including consultation and collaboration with the Colorado Division of Reclamation and Mine Safety (DRMS).

The interview meeting took place on December 2, 2015, in the EPA Region 8 office in Denver, CO. Participants were:

Steve Way, Region 8 OSC
Hays Griswold, Region 8 OSC
Laura Williams, Region 8 Supervisor
Nancy Grantham, HQ OPA/OA
Dana Stalcup, HQ OSWER/OSRTI

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