



# Sunnyside Gold Corporation Reaches No-Fault Settlement with the Navajo Nation

**T**he Sunnyside Gold Corporation (SGC) recently reached a no-fault settlement with the Navajo Nation for \$10 million and the State of New Mexico for \$11 million. In 2015, the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) inadvertently triggered a release of 3 million gallons of water laden with heavy metals into the Animas River that ended up going through Colorado, New Mexico and Utah, primarily through tribal lands. Because SGC

never owned or operated the Gold King mine, they were not at fault for the spill caused by the EPA. The cases were settled as a matter of practicality to eliminate the costs and resources needed to continue to defend against ongoing litigation.

According to Gina Myers, the director of reclamation operations for the SGC, over the past 30 years, SGC has spent over \$40 million in reclamation, remediation and investigative studies

in the area and operated and closed its Sunnyside mine in full compliance with the law and its permits. She stated, "In fact, there is ample scientific evidence that shows the Company has improved water quality in the Animas River. We have also been an active participant in local efforts to improve water quality." She also noted that SGC is happy to resolve this matter and see funds going to those who were affected by the Gold King mine spill.