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Re: Analysis of Additional Data – Animas River

Dear Ms. Bidwell:

Since my letter to you of August 24, 2018, I have obtained and analyzed additional data, including data from September 2018 and data obtained from River Watch. The new data has been incorporated into Figure 1a, which is attached. The new data reconfirms the fact that SGC's Bulkheading and Remediation was successful and improved water quality by substantially reducing acid rock drainage and metals loading in the Animas River. Metals loading in the Animas River below Silverton is today as good or better than it was during the period from 1999-2003. As you know, the leading objective of the Citizens Superfund Workgroup is to "Improve Water Quality and Aquatic Life below Silverton at Least to Conditions Documented in 1999-2003."

I hope that this information is useful to you. Please do not hesitate to contact me with any questions that you may have.

Yours truly,

Knight Piésold and Co

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Attachment:

Figure1a Animas River Zinc Levels



Figure 1a: Animas Zinc Levels
 Running Average Data
 A-72 South of Silverton, CO

