



## **PRESS STATEMENT**

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## **COLORADO ATTORNEY GENERAL CYNTHIA H. COFFMAN'S STATEMENT REGARDING NEW MEXICO'S LAWSUIT IN THE U.S. SUPREME COURT**

"I have done what I can within the bounds of my power and authority as Attorney General to resolve this matter without litigation," said Cynthia H. Coffman. "It is unfortunate that New Mexico has chosen to sue the State of Colorado over the Gold King Mine spill when it was EPA's actions that sent acid mine drainage pouring into the Animas River last August. It's unclear to me how suing Colorado furthers the states' mutual goal of holding the EPA to its promise to 'take full responsibility' for turning our rivers yellow. An interstate lawsuit just gives the EPA another excuse to delay and does nothing for the environment or the citizens that have been impacted. It could take years, even decades, to resolve this costly litigation."

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