

Political Present of the Mine Issue

Federal government and the EPA are concerned now about the spill because of the media attention. Once the national media stops paying attention to the story, the EPA won't push as hard for a solution and it will be up to local stakeholders to figure out what to do.

Superfund Listing	Yes	No
Uncommitted: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sen. Michael Bennett • Sen. Cory Gardner • Gov. Hickenlooper 	Silverton residents (some) Durango residents Durango businesses Rafting companies Environmental groups CODPHE Navajo Nation EPA	Silverton residents (some) Mining companies Rep. Scott Tipton - R Animas River Stakeholders Group
What will happen? Who's stronger		

Water Treatment Plant w/o Superfund	Yes	No
Uncommitted: Environmental orgs House Republicans	Sen. Michael Bennett Sen. Cory Gardner Animas River Stakeholders Group Durango residents & businesses Silverton residents Navajo Nation	EPA American Taxpayers House Republicans ?
What will happen? New act introduced by Bennet and Udall would build the permanent plant		

Good Samaritan	Yes	No
Uncommitted:	Sen. Michael Bennett Sen. Cory Gardner Animas River Stakeholders Group Durango residents & businesses Silverton residents Rafting companies Environmental groups (some) CODPHE Navajo Nation EPA	Environmental groups (some)
What will happen? Likely...		

Reform 1872 Mining Law	Yes	No
Uncommitted: Sen Gardner	Senator Michael Bennett House Democrats Environmental organizations	House Republicans Mining companies Senator Harry Reid (D) National Mining Association
What will happen?		

Clean-up Lower Animas	Yes	No
	City of Farmington City of Aztec City of Durango Environmental Groups	Landowners Farmers Ranchers Homeowners
What will happen? Who pays the bill??		