

Scientific Perspective on the River

How does the chemistry work with acid mine drainage?

What are the impacts of the mine pollution on fish, wildlife, and human health?

What were baseline levels of heavy metal pollution before the spill? How big a problem was this?

How long will it take for the stuff to go away?

What constitutes a healthy river?

How does the pollution from the mine spill interact with the high levels of phosphorus and nitrogen found on the lower Animas near Aztec?

From a scientific perspective, what's needed to fix the problem?

What is most important about the science for the public and policy makers to understand?

Other Questions:

What story are scientists telling us about the Animas River?

What solutions does this story suggest?