

EPA ID: CON000802625 Site Name: FOREST QUEEN MINE

State ID:

Alias Site Names:

City:

County or Parish: GUNNISON

State: CO

Refer to Report Dated: 01/24/2007

Report Type: SITE INSPECTION 001

Report Developed by: START

DECISION:

- 1. Further Remedial Site Assessment under CERCLA (Superfund) is not required because:
 - 1a. Site does not qualify for further remedial site assessment under CERCLA (No Further Remedial Action Planned - NFRAP)
 - 1b. Site may qualify for action, but is deferred to:
- 2. Further Assessment Needed Under CERCLA:
 - 2a. Priority: Higher Lower
 - 2b. Other: (recommended action) NFRAP (No Further Remedial Action Planned)

DISCUSSION/RATIONALE:

The Forest Queen Mine is in a remote location in the unincorporated townsite of Irwin on the east side of Coal Creek in the Gunnison National Forest. Sampling efforts were conducted during high and low flow seasons. In both instances, various metals attributed to Forest Queen Mine exceeded background levels in Coal Creek. These levels however did not exceed environmental benchmarks. USFWS aquatic toxicologist, Dan Wall, evaluated the results. He concluded that there is a potential at the site for localized aquatic toxicity to organisms, but the locations were not expected to attract significant wildlife. Additionally, samples collected in coal creek near the mine did not appear to present unacceptable risk to aquatic life. The memo is included in the SI Analytical Results Report. The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) has determined that no further remedial action by the Federal Superfund program is warranted at the referenced site, at this time. The basis for the no further remedial action planned (NFRAP) determination is provided in the attached document. A NFRAP designation means that no additional remedial steps under the Federal Superfund program will be taken at the site unless new information warranting further Superfund consideration or conditions not previously known to EPA regarding the site are disclosed. In accordance with EPA's decision regarding the tracking of NFRAP sites, the referenced site may be removed from the CERCLIS database and placed in a separate archival database as a historical record if no further Superfund interest is warranted. Archived sites may be returned to the CERCLIS site inventory if new information necessitating further Superfund consideration is discovered.

Site Decision Made by: GWEN CHRISTIANSEN

Signature: _____

Date: 01/31/2007