May 19, 2010

SUBJECT: ENVIRONMENTAL INVESTIGATION AND REMEDIATION PROJECT – SOUTH SIDE OF CLEAR CREEK

Dear Mr. Glueck:

The Colorado School of Mines Research Institute Site (CSMRI Site) on the south side of Clear Creek has been undergoing environmental investigation and remediation work for over twenty years. Although the last major phase of work was completed in 2007, subsequent monitoring identified uranium in ground water in a portion of the Site that had been cleaned up by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency in the 1990’s.

The area where the contaminated ground water was found is crossed by the path of the planned city of Golden bicycle trail. Planned Site investigation work including excavation of soils contributing to the contamination was scheduled to begin in March of 2010. That work was delayed and is now expected to commence by late summer and to be completed by the end of 2010.

Although environmental concerns have resulted in delays to a portion of the trails project, work on other related portions has continued. In order to provide access to the environmental project, the Colorado School of Mines has constructed road base improvements between Maple Street and the project site. The School had earlier constructed a pad for a future parking lot that will be adjacent to both the School’s Athletics Complex and to the future bicycle path. These improvements were coordinated between the School and the City to ensure that they would not be in conflict with the eventual bicycle path.

If you have any questions regarding the environmental project please contact me at any time.

Sincerely,

Linn D. Havelick
Director, Environmental Health & Safety