

Mill Tailings Removal in Grand Junction, Colorado

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Lessons Learned

The project provides a lesson for other local communities:

- ◆ Use local planning and zoning to permit federal cleanup projects
- ◆ Insist that the federal projects respect local concerns and issues and address them throughout the planning process
- ◆ Actively use the Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) and National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) process as a method of identifying problems and integrating local land use process into the EIS process

Lessons Learned (continued)

- ◆ **Use your Congressional delegation to attract the attention of federal agencies if other tactics fail**
- ◆ **Do not be afraid to exercise legal rights to gain compliance with NEPA**
- ◆ **Waste disposal is a complex issue that must be solved jointly and equally by local government, state, and federal governments**