



A SAFER, PROVEN APPROACH TO HISTORIC MINE WASTE CLEANUP

CJK Milling is advancing plans to process historic mine waste at its Leadville Mill. After listening carefully to community concerns — particularly regarding cyanide — CJK has determined that its existing, fully permitted flotation extraction system is the safest and most responsible path forward.

Flotation extraction is a proven, cyanide-free process used in Colorado mining operations for decades, including at the Climax Mine. This process has been permitted at the CJK Mill since 1990 and allows valuable minerals to be safely recovered from historic mine waste. Using the current permit will also result in approximately 50% less truck traffic than earlier proposals.

PERMIT AMENDMENT UNDER REVIEW

CJK has submitted an amendment to its existing mining permit (Permit No. M1990-057) to the Colorado Division of Reclamation, Mining, and Safety (CDRMS). The amendment would allow limited operational adjustments to begin extracting gold and silver from historic mine waste using the already-permitted, cyanide-free flotation process.

ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AND SAFETY

CJK will continue to operate as a zero-discharge facility. All water and reagents are fully recycled on site, and no liquids or solids are released into the environment, protecting local water resources, the environment, and public health.

BENEFITS FOR LEADVILLE AND THE UPPER ARKANSAS RIVER WATERSHED

This project is designed to deliver meaningful local and environmental benefits, including removal of acid-generating historic mine waste from the California Gulch area, resulting in improved water quality in the Upper Arkansas watershed; restoration of mine waste sites to natural, pre-mining conditions; creation of local, well-paying jobs; and establishing a model of mine waste cleanup projects across Colorado.

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