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Just a heads up. We're having problems again with Pettigrew and Krutzsch mining operations on Anvil/Speciman Gulch creeks (again). Settling ponds have blown out. Maximum sediment loads have hit as high as 75 times the permit limits. Peter Rob is collecting water samples daily from each operation.

We teleconferenced yesterday with the Director of the EPA Enforcement Division (Seattle) and the Division of Mining. We are currently working out a compliance plan that may or may not include civil/criminal complaints. Both operators have long priors of Notices of Violation. We're working with EPA's attorneys to determine the best course of action.

Scott Miller (AK Gold) and the mayor have both been out on site. Scott gave Pettigrew until July 15th to get the site reclaimed or he would do it himself and bill him.

I have been getting a lot of phone calls from some concerned Nome residents. Interest is heightened in light of the March Board of Fisheries meeting and possible Tier II listing.

I'll let you know if ADF&G needs to move forward with a criminal complaint. EPA and the Corps of Engineers have the biggest stick so I may end up letting them carry any legal action but back them up with an administrative NOV.