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**BEGAYE APPLAUDS MCCAIN AND UDALL REQUEST FOR OVERSIGHT
HEARING ON EPA SPILL**

Window Rock – President Russell Begaye today applauded Senator John McCain (R-AZ) and Senator Tom Udall (D-NM) for requesting that the Senate Committee on Indian Affairs hold an oversight hearing on the impact of the EPA Gold King Mine spill on the Navajo Nation:

“I applaud Senators McCain and Udall for requesting for an oversight hearing on the EPA mine spill and their continued efforts to hold the agency accountable. This is a positive first step towards addressing the devastating impact of this disaster on the Navajo Nation.

“More action is needed and Washington must move quickly to mitigate the dangerous affects of this spill. Congress must appropriate funding to address this crisis and the EPA must set up a response fund to clean up the toxic chemicals in our water. We need a mobile lab for ongoing monitoring and the federal government must designate the mine area as a Super Fund site.

“I appreciate Senator McCain and Senator Udall’s support look forward to working with them to stand up for the best interests of the Navajo Nation.”

Senator McCain’s letter can be found here: <http://operationyellowwater.com/?p=248>

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