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**To:** Mike Abboud [Ex. 6]  
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**Subject:** Re: Ongoing Gold King Mine criminal investigation

Awesome, thanks. And let me know if I can send you any more info, such as the IG's announcement last fall.



On Mon, Jul 31, 2017 at 12:40 PM, Mike Abboud [Ex. 6] wrote:  
Hey Ethan, I'm copying this to my EPA email address and will send this along to our folks to see if we can get you a response.

Mike

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**From:** Ethan Barton <ethan@dailycallernewsfoundation.org>  
**Date:** Mon, Jul 31, 2017 at 12:20 PM  
**Subject:** Ongoing Gold King Mine criminal investigation  
**To:** Mike Abboud [Ex. 6]

Hey Mike,

I recently received a response (attached) to a FOIA request I filed for the IG's Report of Investigation about the Gold King Mine Criminal investigation. It contains two interesting tidbits.

First, the investigation is ongoing. But an October 2016 announcement from the IG said they referred referred an employee to the DOJ for violating the Clean Water Act and making false statements, that the DOJ declined to prosecute the employee, and that the IG was preparing a Report of Investigation, all of which suggests the investigation is closed.

Second, the letter says there are no records indicating that the EPA took any administrative actions as a result of the investigation, which would include punishment for the employee.

One additional interesting implication is that an investigation is still ongoing even though the incident happened two years ago as of this Saturday.

I'm writing a story about this letter today, so if the EPA wants to provide a comment, I'll need it by 4 pm, but I'm really interested in getting more information about this response, primarily about the ongoing investigation.

Feel free to give me a call, if you prefer.

Thanks,

Ethan

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