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Animas and San Juan River Water Quality Safe for Agricultural Uses

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- Animas and San Juan River water quality has met irrigation and livestock-watering standards set by the New Mexico Water Quality Control Commission from 2016 to present.
- Test results from crops irrigated with Animas River water and sampled during August 2015 – October 2016 show no dangerous levels of heavy metals. Crop testing for heavy metals continues for March 2017 – October 2017.
- Since August 2015, no livestock or wildlife have been reported with unusual distress, illness, or mortality that could have been caused by heavy metals.

For additional information and updates, please go to <https://www.env.nm.gov/river-water-safety/> or call 1-800-219-6157.



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