

**From:** Geneva Irwin  
**Subject:** Air Quality Monitoring Weekly Summary Week Ending in October 22  
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Good Afternoon,

A summary of the Giant Mine ambient air quality monitoring program (AQM) for the week ending October 22, 2016 is as follows:

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General Operation:

The AQM program operated as specified during the week ending October 22, 2016, with the following exception:

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with the manufacturer to identify and correct this issue, but has yet to determine a cause. Backup E-Sampler PM<sub>10</sub> instruments have been collocated with the DustTraks at site F-Marina and G-West to provide data during periods affected by the DustTrak instrument software error;

Best,

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