



Los Frailes Tailings dam, Spain (April 25, 1998)



One view of the Animas River, a once famous Colorado trout river, after millions of gallons of toxic sludge spilled from an abandoned hard rock mine tailings pond (August 5, 2015), sending more than 880,000 pounds of heavy metals, including aluminum, arsenic, beryllium, cadmium, copper, lead, mercury and nickel and zinc (plus cyanide and asbestos) into a smaller tributary upstream. The Animas River eventually drains into the Colorado River.



A breached (lead/zinc) earthen dam in Spain. The culprit in this instance was Boliden, a Canadian mining company. (April 25, 1998)





