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## STERLING MINING HIT WITH \$50K FINE

KELLOGG (AP) — Sterling Mining Co. has been fined \$50,000 by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency for wastewater violations at the Sunshine Mine and Mill in the Silver Valley.

The mine and mill are closed and the company is in bankruptcy proceedings.

The EPA contended the company exceeded its effluent limits for manganese, iron, and suspended solids since 2007, and illegally discharged mine tailings sands into Big Creek.

The company has agreed to pay the fine, but neither admits or denies the allegations in the document.