

# Collapsed tunnel cause for concern

The collapse of the Leadville Mine Drainage Tunnel has created a buildup of more than 1 billion gallons of water with toxic levels of zinc and cadmium, according to the Lake County Board of County Commissioners. The sudden release of the water could create a flood resulting in loss of life in Leadville and pollution of the Arkansas River and parts of the river basin.

## How much water?

One billion gallons of water is enough to submerge downtown Denver in 5 feet of water.

## Zinc

Can cause stomach cramps, skin irritations, vomiting, nausea and anemia.

## Cadmium

Can cause kidney and liver damage and possible birth defects.

