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Dear Editor;

Your article: 'Tracing Mining's Threat to U.S. Water, contained numerous inaccuracies. Data from the United States [Water Quality Portal](#) shows selenium concentration for all fish in the Kootenai River and Kooconusa Reservoir, on both sides of the border, are well below US EPA protective criteria.

Further, the article failed to note that the Montana Department of Environmental Quality's own data shows selenium concentrations in Kooconusa Reservoir have been stable for at least a decade.

Additionally, the statement that Teck has applied for two new mines is entirely untrue.

The fact is the Elk Valley Water Quality Plan, developed under Canadian regulatory oversight with input from US stakeholders, is improving water quality. Teck has three treatment facilities which remove 95% of selenium and a fourth facility, our largest, is on track to be operational this year.

Information on the EVWQP and fish health in Kooconusa Reservoir and Kootenai River can be found at [teck.com/elkvalley](http://teck.com/elkvalley).

Regards,

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