

Clean-up at Remance mine; IDAAN steps up water monitoring in Veraguas

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Summary

MiAmbiente has begun a clean-up plan at the abandoned Remance mine in San Francisco, Veraguas, after a landslide caused by the 9 October earthquake, while IDAAN reinforces monitoring at the San Francisco and Santiago water plants.

Details (summary of the article)

The Environment Ministry has started a sanitation plan at the abandoned Remance mine in San Francisco, Veraguas, after the 9 October earthquake triggered a landslide there, TVN reports. The first phase tackles faecal coliform contamination of raw water by building individual toilets and septic tanks at quake-damaged homes in La Gorda, a \$37,930.81 contract lasting about 50 working days. A second phase of containment and remediation at the landslide begins with a contractor entering the area on Saturday 24 October to gather information. MiAmbiente is also considering a \$780,000 proposal for four modular water treatment units (1,500 litres per hour each) for La Gorda, Mesillas and Pato Alto, using electrocoagulation plus filtration and disinfection. IDAAN, the national water utility, reinforced monitoring at the San Francisco and Santiago treatment plants after sediment washed into the Veneno creek upstream of their intakes, and added activated carbon as an extra precaution. It says treated water still meets national quality standards. Monitoring and technical follow-up continue with the health and commerce ministries.

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