

## 14. Water Quality Management Associations and Watershed- Based Groups

### 14.1. Wastewater Operating Agencies

The following organizations are recognized as wastewater operating agencies within the Upper Arkansas Watershed. These agencies are responsible for controlling all aspects of the collection, treatment, and discharge of sewage or industrial concern within their company's sphere of operation.

- Cripple Creek and Victor Gold Mining
- City of Cripple Creek
- City of Victor

### 14.2. Management Agencies/Associations

#### 14.2.1. Teller County Water Quality Management Association

The Teller County Water Quality Management Association is the only existing WQMA within the Upper Arkansas Watershed. Members of this association are within Teller County and primarily in the Upper Arkansas Watershed. Members are from the southern portion (Cripple Creek, Victor, Cripple Creek & Victor Gold Mining Company) and western portion (City of Divide) of Teller County. Other organizations represented include water and sanitation districts, Teller County Health Department, and the Natural Resources Conservation Service.

The Teller County WQMA was formed in 1977 under a Joint Exercise of Powers agreement between the City of Victor, City of Woodland Park, and Teller County. The association continues to meet on an as-needed basis. Because this WQMA covers the portion of the Upper Arkansas Watershed in the Pikes Peak region, no other WQMAs are recommended.