

# Gold King Mine Spill

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# How did it happen?

- The EPA was working to clean up the abandoned Red Bonita Mine in Silverton, Colorado, in August of 2015.
- While working on this, contaminated water breached out of the wall unstoppably into the Animas River Watershed.



**Before and After the Spill**

# What was the Animas River Watershed contaminated with?

- The water was contaminated with lead, arsenic and copper, among other heavy metals.

# Why does this spill matter?

- Most people that live around the area depend on water from the Animas for agriculture, to drink, and to bathe in.
- Many animals also live around the area and rely on the river in order to survive.

# What were the consequences?

- People were unable to shower
- Many farmers' crops died because of pollution/contamination.
- People on the Navajo Nation had no drinking water
- Some people claim that many animals that live around the area were poisoned from the water.

# Where did it happen?

- The Gold King Mine Spill occurred from Silverton, Colorado to Lake Powell, located in Utah and Arizona



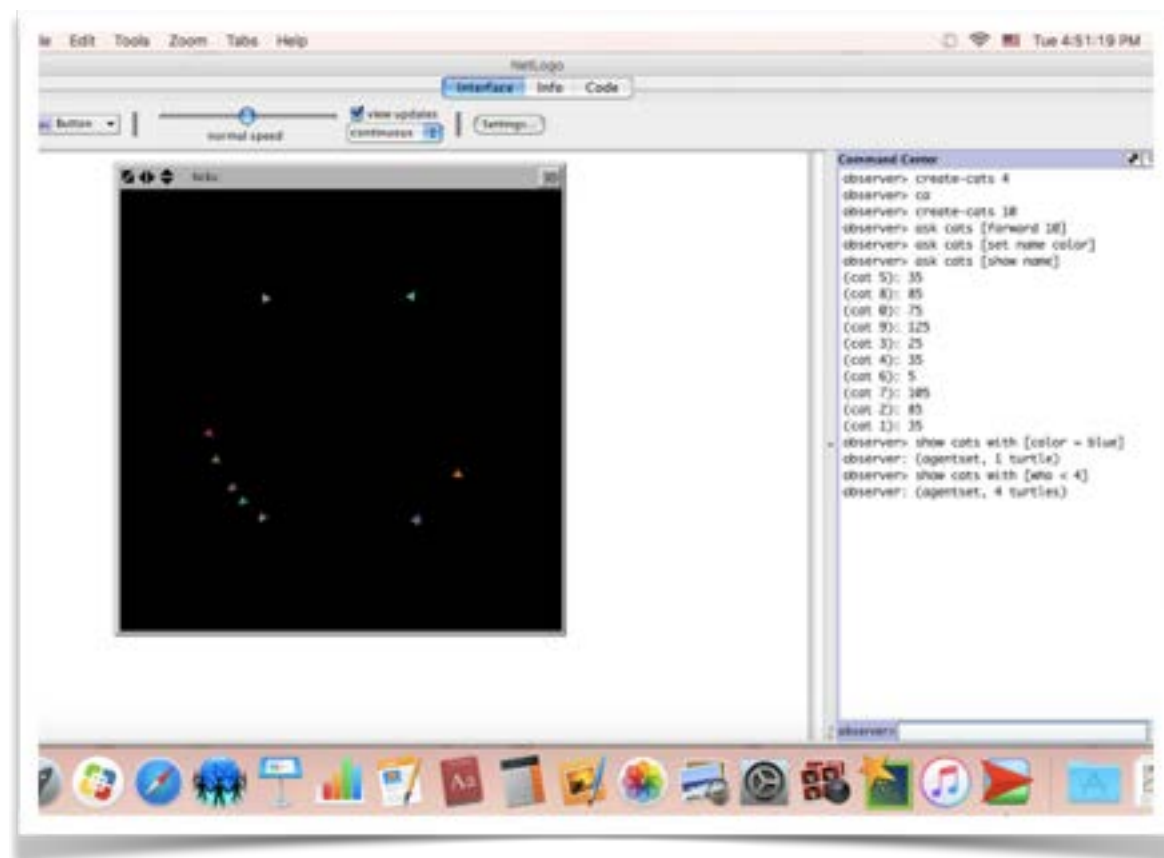
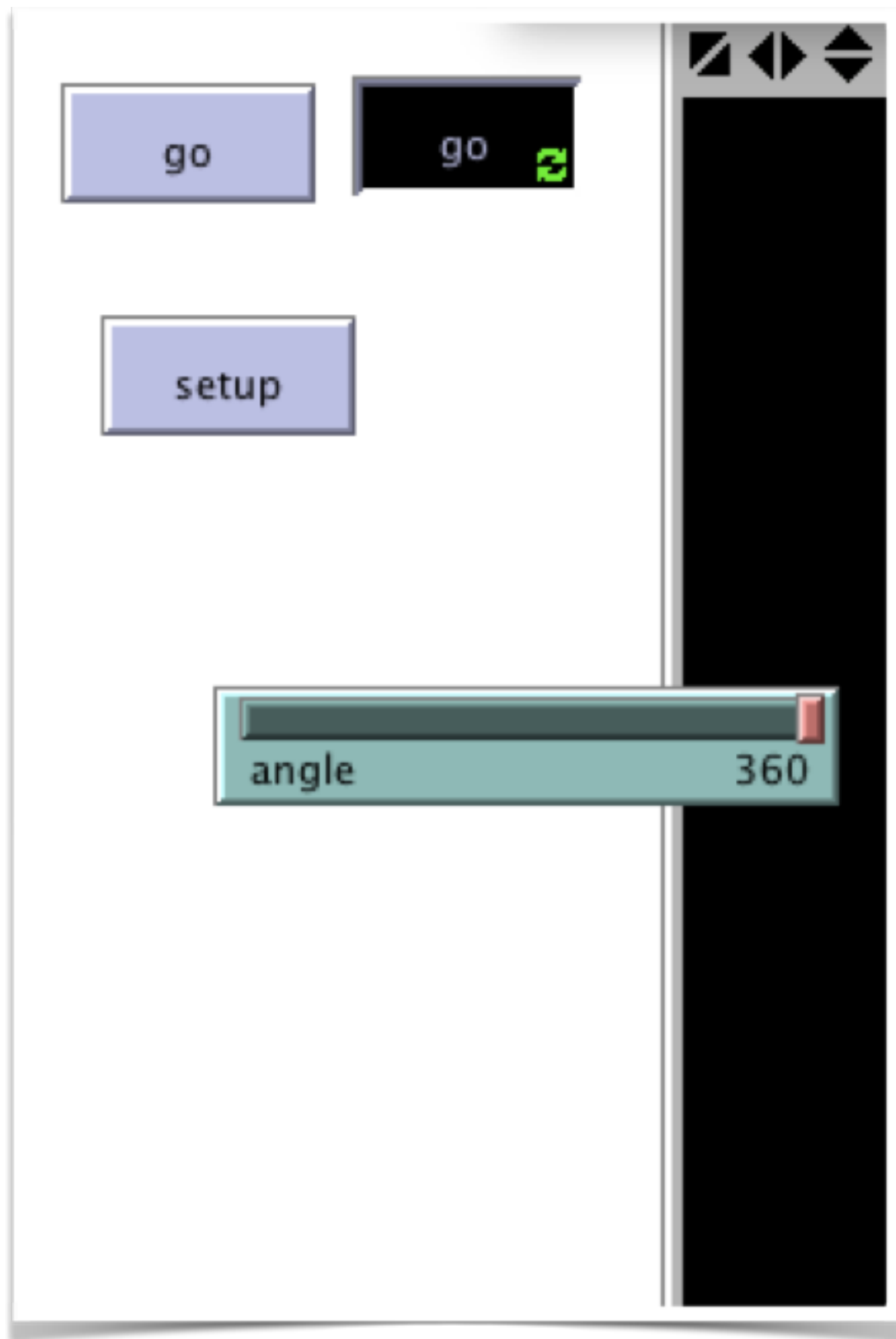






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› setup
  clear-all
  reset-ticks
  create-turtles 1 [
    pen-down]
  id

› go
  tick
  ask turtles [
    set heading (heading + (angle / 2) - (random angle))
    forward 1
  ]
  id
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globals [
  current-row
  total-oil
]

to setup
  clear-all
  set total-oil 0

  ask patches [
    reset-color
  ]

  ;; set up top row
  set current-row patches with [pycor = max-pycor]
  ask current-row [
    if pxcor mod 2 = 1
      [ set pcolor red ]
  ]

  reset-ticks
end

to reset-color
  ifelse (pxcor + pycor) mod 2 = 1
    [ set pcolor blue ]
    [ set pcolor blue ]
end

to go
  if not any? current-row with [pcolor = red]
    [ stop ]
  percolate

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ask current-row with [pcolor = red] [

  ask patches at-points [[-1 -1] [1 -1]]
    [ if (pcolor = blue) and (random-float 100 < 70)
      [ set pcolor red ] ]
  set pcolor orange
  set total-oil total-oil + 1
]

set current-row patch-set [patch-at 0 -1] of current-row
end

to wrap-oil
  if [pycor = min-pycor] of one-of current-row
    [
      ask current-row [
        ask (patch-at 0 -1)
          [ set pcolor [pcolor] of myself ]
      ]
      ask patches with [ pycor < max-pycor ] [
        reset-color
      ]
      set current-row patch-set [patch-at 0 -1] of current-row
    ]
end

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Interface Info Code

Edit Delete Add abc Button slower view updates continuous Settings...

setup go lead 64.5

Lead

9490 al contaminat 0 0 time 195

ticks: 166 3D

Command Center Clear

observer>

The image shows a NetLogo window titled "GoldKingMineSpill" with a 3D view of a mine spill simulation. The simulation area is filled with blue and brown particles. The control panel on the left includes a "lead" slider set to 64.5 and a "Lead" graph showing "al contaminat" vs "time". The Command Center at the bottom shows "observer>".