

## **Total Concept of Mining**

Once again this year the Cripple Creek & Victor Gold Mining Company has sponsored scholarships and tours for teacher's training programs. These programs are particularly important to train teachers about responsible mining, and to give them the resources to be able to pass along the message regarding the need for mining in today's world.

The Colorado Mining Association is sponsoring their 36<sup>th</sup> annual program, "A Total Concept of the Mining Industry." This is a four week program through the Colorado School of Mines. Over the past 35 years over 1,300 teachers have attended the course, which provides teachers with a comprehensive overview of all phases of the minerals industries. Professionals in the mining industry, government, and academia present the program. Field trips include the United States Geological Survey Earthquake Center, the Western Museum of Mining and Industry, an aggregate mine, reclamation sites, gypsum mine and the Cresson project.

This year the teachers visited Victor on June 25<sup>th</sup> for a tour of the CC&V site. 30 teachers were involved, representing all grades of teaching, and subject areas ranging from Physics and Earth Science to History and Language Arts. The groups are always well prepared with the in classroom presentations, and very interested in our operation.

CC&V also sponsors a teacher for the DST "Mining and Me" program. This is a three day program, and therefore much more accessible to a wider range of teachers. DST visited the site on June 30 with 15 teachers.

CC&V employees are encouraged to talk to their kid's teachers about these programs. CC&V is eager to sponsor teachers from this area. For further information contact Jane Mannon at 719.689-4044.