ROCKY FLATS STEWARDSHIP COUNCIL

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ORGANIZATIONAL OVERVIEW

Background

The Rocky Flats Stewardship Council formed in February 2006 to provide ongoing local government and community oversight of the post-closure management of Rocky Flats, the former nuclear weapons plant northwest of Denver.

The nearly $7 billion cleanup project was completed in October 2005 and represents an important legacy for our communities. Cleanup significantly reduced the many risks posed by the former weapons site. There are, however, ongoing management needs that remain vital to ensuring long-term protection of human health and the environment. Those responsibilities lie with the Department of Energy (DOE). In June 2007, DOE transferred 3953 acres of the former site buffer zone to the Department of the Interior to manage as the Rocky Flats National Wildlife Refuge.

The Stewardship Council's mandate is found in federal law.   In late 2004, the United States Congress, working with the Department of Energy and our predecessor organization, the Rocky Flats Coalition of Local Governments, approved legislation creating a new organization to focus on the post-closure care and management of Rocky Flats. This organization, the Rocky Flats Stewardship Council, includes elected officials from nine municipal governments neighboring Rocky Flats, three community organizations and one individual.

In addition to working with DOE, the Environmental Protection Agency and the Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment, the Stewardship Council also works with the United States Fish and Wildlife Service on issues related to the management of the Rocky Flats National Wildlife Refuge.

Mission

The mission of the Rocky Flats Stewardship Council is:
1. To provide continuing local oversight of activities occurring at the Rocky Flats site, to ensure that local government and community interests are met with regards to long-term stewardship of residual contamination and refuge management;
2. To provide a forum to track issues related to former site employees, including but not limited to long-term health benefits and pension programs;

3. To provide an ongoing mechanism to maintain public knowledge of Rocky Flats and to educate successive generations of ongoing needs and responsibilities regarding contaminant management and refuge management; and
4. To provide an ongoing forum to address all other issues pertinent to Rocky Flats, as determined by the Stewardship Council Board of Directors.

Meetings

The Board of Directors meets no less than four times per year, with regular meeting scheduled for the first Monday in February, June, September and November. Additional meetings are scheduled on an as needed basis.

Board meetings are open to the public. Meetings are held at the Rocky Mountain Metropolitan Airport (formerly the Jefferson County Airport), 11755 Airport Way, Broomfield, Colorado, in the Mount Evans Room in the airport terminal building. Meetings start at 8:30 am and generally last 3 hours. Each meeting includes an opportunity for the public to address the Board and to comment on all matters affecting the management of Rocky Flats and former site workers.

If you would like to be added to the meeting information email distribution list, please email us at: info@rockyflatssc.org

For additional information about prior Board meetings, including Board membership, meeting packets, meeting minutes and Board policies, please go to:
http://www.rockyflatssc.org/rocky_flats_stewardship_council.html

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