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Monthly Status Report – October 2012

Board meeting summary

There was no meeting this month.

Legacy Management monthly site inspection summary

DOE's September 2012 Rocky Flats activities included:

Groundwater and Surface Water Monitoring

- Began redeveloping groundwater monitoring wells in the former Building 371 area.
- Collected Walnut Creek ambient grab samples.
- Collected automated surface water sample suites.
- Activated the Functional Channel 4 synoptic sampler during precipitation event.

Groundwater Treatment Systems

Routine inspections of the treatment systems were conducted as follows.

- East Trenches Plume Treatment System (ETPTS): DOE reports the system is functioning normally.
- Mound Site Plume Treatment System (MSPTS): DOE reports the system is functioning normally.
- Solar Ponds Plume Treatment System (SPPTS): DOE reports optimization of the system is ongoing.

Ecology

- Completed Preble's Meadow Jumping Mouse monitoring.
- Watered the SPPTS hillside shrub/tree plantings.
- Continued photopoint monitoring.
- Continued herbicide applications.
- Mowed all-terrain vehicle trail to the well at bottom of Original Landfill, forb nursery area, and roadside edges.
- Completed quarterly vegetation surveys at both the Original and Present Landfills.

Site Monitoring & Maintenance

- There were no significant changes to report at either landfill.

- Completed mowing operations on the three terminal pond dams.

Federal Budget—Appropriations and Sequestration

Congress did not address sequestration during the few days it was in session in September. The question of cuts to comply with the 2011 budget agreement will now be addressed as Congress reconvenes following the election. Before they recessed for the election, Congress did approve a continuing resolution (CR) to provide funding for the first six-months of fiscal year 2013. The fiscal year began on October 1, 2012. The next Congress will need to address appropriations for the remainder of FY13 and for FY 14.

It is unclear what impact if any of the forthcoming decisions will have on funding for site operations at Rocky Flats.

Legacy Management Contract

DOE is in the process of re-competing SM Stoller's contract to manage all Legacy Management sites, including Rocky Flats. Stoller's current contract, which was signed October 2007, expired October 2012. An extension has been granted until such time that a new contractor is hired.

The LM contract is the largest small business contract DOE issues. Stoller's business has grown over the past five years and the company no longer qualifies as a small business. For Stoller to remain a LM contractor, it needs to partner with a qualified small business, and that business would have to be the lead contractor. DOE is prohibited from discussing any elements of the contract re-compete, including whether Stoller teamed with another company to bid on the contract.

It is likely that the new contractor will be announced during the first or second quarter of calendar year 2013.

Stewardship Council update

Next meetings:

February 4, 2013

April 1, 2013