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Monthly Status Report – March 2011

Board meeting summary

There was no board meeting

Legacy Management monthly site inspection summary

DOE's February 2011 Rocky Flats activities included:

Groundwater and Surface Water Monitoring

- Collected and processed automated surface water sample suites.
- Collected routine Solar Ponds Plume Treatment System (SPPTS) samples.
- Collected ambient grab samples from Walnut Creek.
- Completed first quarter groundwater sampling.

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 Plume Treatment System (MSPTS) – DOE reports the system is functioning normally. MSPTS media change-out project began and continued through the month with removal and packaging of spent media completed.
- SPPTS – DOE reports optimization of the system is ongoing.

Ecology

- Re-seeding efforts were started at the site.

Site Monitoring & Maintenance

- There were no significant changes to report at either landfill.
- Preble's Meadow Jumping Mouse erosion control inspections were completed.

DOE Dam Breach Adaptive Management Plan Meeting

DOE continues to host its dam breach adaptive management plan meetings. The draft plan will be released in April. The central issues being discussed and debated are:

1. Institutional Control (IC) prohibiting excavations below 3 feet except for remedy-related purposes
 - a. Risk assessment of sub-surface soils in regard to the IC
 - b. Environmental covenant in regard to the IC
2. Monitoring points in the Walnut Creek and Woman Creek drainages
3. Levels of contamination that would require DOE to close the valves at terminal ponds A-4, B-5, and C-2
4. Monitoring protocols
5. DOE's obligation/commitment under EA/AMP to monitor water quality
6. Water lease with Broomfield
7. Standley Lake Protection Project (Woman Creek Reservoir) operating agreement
8. Contingency plans
9. Explanation of the reason or basis for proceeding with the proposed action
10. Present Landfill pond dam breaching
11. Requests for more timely information exchange concerning water quality issues

Site Document Update

None at this time.

Rocky Flats Cold War Museum

On March 30, 2011, the Board of Directors of The Rocky Flats Cold War Museum board signed an agreement to lease the old Arvada Post Office building at 5608-5610 Yukon St. in Olde Town Arvada. The lease starts April 1. The Museum anticipates it will take one year or more to develop exhibits and related educational programs, hire staff, and open the museum. The one-story, 7,000 square foot property has open exhibition space, two functional kitchens, and several classrooms and offices. Minor remodeling will be done.

Shirley Garcia, president of the museum board, said, "We are delighted to find a central location for our museum. We hope to attract many school groups and others interested in science, local history and the role Rocky Flats played in the Cold War. We have fascinating oral histories and artifacts to share for all age levels." She added that the building's location "should be convenient for tourists, area residents, history buffs, former Rocky Flats workers and school groups."

Please call 720-898-7125 or go to www.rockyflatsmuseum.org to volunteer, donate artifacts or sign up for the museum newsletter, *Weapons to Wildlife*.

Natural Resource Damages

The Rocky Flats Natural Resource Trustees initiated a third round of financing. A meeting in late March provided a forum for proposers to meet with the Trustees to discuss their projects, and to clarify any uncertainties the Trustees have about a given proposal. This dialogue was geared towards assisting proposers in developing their final proposals. Final proposals are due April 28th.

Stewardship Council update

Next meetings:

June 6

September 12 (second Monday)

November 14 (second Monday)