

# ROCKY FLATS STEWARDSHIP COUNCIL

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## Monthly Status Report – March 2015

### Board meeting summary

*There was no meeting this month.*

### Legacy Management monthly site inspection summary

DOE reports that in addition to routine monitoring and maintenance activities, site personnel conducted the following activities in February.

#### *Surface water and groundwater monitoring*

- Samples collected at the East Trenches Plume Treatment System confirm the system continues to operate effectively by removing volatile organic compounds (VOCs; solvents) from contaminated groundwater (meeting all Rocky Flats Legacy Management Agreement water quality targets).
- Collected and processed surface water composite samples.
- Completed first quarter 2015 groundwater sampling.

#### *Groundwater Treatment Systems*

- Mound Site Plume Treatment System: DOE reports the system is functioning normally.
- East Trenches Plume Treatment System: DOE reports the system is functioning normally.
- Solar Ponds Plume Treatment System: DOE reports the microcell and lagoon test systems are functioning normally. The “big box” continues to have flow issues due to bio-fouling. Staff continues to evaluate potential options to improve flow through the media.

#### *Ecology*

- Conducted erosion control surveys.

#### *Landfills*

- Conducted quarterly inspections around former buildings to check for ground subsidence. No issues were found.
- These inspections became necessary after the subsidence which occurred several years ago at the location of former building 881. A deep hole emerged which was from a stairwell which had not completely collapsed when 881 was explosively demolished in 2004. Several dump-truck loads of fill dirt were required to fill the hole.

## DOE Budget

In the coming weeks, the US House of Representatives will begin hearings on the fiscal year 2016 appropriations. Funding for DOE's work at Rocky Flats comes through the Energy and Water subcommittee.

For fiscal year 2016, the Administration requested \$167,180,000 for DOE's Office of Legacy Management, the program department charged with managing Rocky Flats. Fiscal year 2015 appropriations were \$171,854,000; fiscal year 2014 appropriations were \$176,983,000. The decrease in Legacy Management funding is due in part to pension benefits having been funded, not a reduced work scope.

## Stewardship Council update

Next meetings:

April 6, June 1, September 14, October 26