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Monthly Status Report – April 2014

Board meeting summary

Update on Natural Resource Damage Claims

DOE, CDPHE, Jefferson County Nature Association, Boulder County and the City of Westminster briefed the Board on natural resource damage (NRD) claims. Under CERCLA, the federal Superfund law, NRD claims serve to make the public whole for injuries to natural resources by restoring or replacing injured natural resources. Natural resources include land, fish, biota, air, water, ground water, drinking water supplies, and other such resources owned, managed or controlled by the state or federal government; injuries are adverse impacts to a natural resource caused by a release of a hazardous substance. Damages come in the form of monetary compensation. Claims totaling \$10.5 million were paid for Rocky Flats. Those claims included acquisition of minerals rights, open space acquisition, and resource restoration.

Update on Reportable Condition for Uranium

On February 13, 2014, DOE notified the community of a reportable condition for uranium at the water quality point of compliance on Walnut Creek. DOE briefed on the monitoring results, and steps it is taking to evaluate the reason for the increase in uranium levels along this portion of Rocky Flats. Most of the uranium (76-80%) is natural. The final report will be issued in late summer/early fall.

Legacy Management monthly site inspection summary

DOE reports that its site activities for March focused on routine maintenance and surveillance activities.

Groundwater Treatment Systems

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

Ecology

- Planted willow stakes at wetland mitigation locations to increase vegetation following the flooding last fall.
- Placed wetland seed sandwiched between coconut erosion mats to see if they will germinate this spring.

Site Monitoring & Maintenance

- Site staff conducted the 2014 annual site inspection on March 25. No significant issues were noted. Results will be published in the 2014 Annual Report.

Arvada Center Rocky Flats Symposium

On June 6-8, the Arvada Center for the Arts and Humanities will host a symposium titled, “Rocky Flats Then and Now: 25 Years After the Raid.” As the Center explains on its website:

Rocky Flats Then and Now: 25 Years After the Raid will feature an art and history exhibit (including photographs and artifacts from the Rocky Flats plant), the reading of a 1980 musical illustrating one artistic response to the controversy, information booths, and panel discussions focusing on the raid and its consequences, including the grand jury investigation and continuing questions about health issues and the plant cleanup. Speakers will include former Governor Roy Romer, former U.S. Representative David Skaggs, Jon Lipsky, the FBI leader of the raid, and several plant workers, neighbors, activists, and experts.

The current schedule, which is subject to change, can be found at:

<http://arvadacenter.org/pages/rocky-flats-then-and-now-2014> It is also attached below.

Stewardship Council update

Next meetings:

June 2

September 8

November 3 (Note: This meeting will likely be moved to October 27)

Arvada Center Symposium
Rocky Flats Then and Now: 25 Years After the Raid

Friday, June 6

7:00 p.m.

Welcome and Overview

Philip C. Sneed, Executive Director, Arvada Center for the Arts and Humanities

Rocky Flats Then and Now – an Introduction

Len Ackland, Author, *Making a Real Killing: Rocky Flats and the Nuclear West*

Citizen Forum

Personal Memories of the June 6, 1989 Raid

Chair: Dr. Kennette Benedict, Executive Director and Publisher, *Bulletin of the Atomic Scientists*
Jack Weaver, Former Rocky Flats Deputy Assistant General Manager of Plutonium Operations
Charles Church McKay, Representative for the Church/McKay family – 4th generation
neighboring landowner and rancher
LeRoy Moore, Ph.D., Former academic, writer and Rocky Flats activist

Saturday, June 7

10:00 a.m. - Noon

The Raid in Retrospect -- Keynote Panel

Moderator: Patricia Limerick, Director, Center of the American West, CU Boulder
Roy Romer, Former Governor, Colorado (1987 - 1999)
David Skaggs, Former Congressman, Colorado (1987 – 1999)
Jon Lipsky, Former FBI agent and leader of the Raid team

Lunch break and discussions in the Information Center

1:00-2:30 p.m.

Secrecy and Its Fallout – Panel Discussion

Participating Moderator: Dorothy Day Ciarlo, Ph.D., Retired clinical psychologist and oral historian.

Farrel Hobbs, Retired Rocky Flats Environmental Manager and author, *An Insider's View of Rocky Flats, Urban Myths Debunked*

Judy Danielson, Rocky Flats peace activist

Nat Miullo, Former Environmental Protection Agency Inspector at Rocky Flats

2:30-3:30 p.m. **Break and discussions in the Information Center**

3:30-5:30 p.m.

Imagining the Real: Protest Art and Rocky Flats – Performance and Conversation

Moderator: Bryan Taylor, Professor, Department of Communication, University of Colorado Boulder

Anne Waldman, Poet; Co-Founder, Jack Kerouac School of Disembodied Poetics

Kristen Iversen, Author, *Full Body Burden: Growing Up in the Nuclear Shadow of Rocky Flats*

Tom Mayer, Author, *Rocky Flats: A Nuclear Musical*

Barbara Donachy, Ceramic artist and peace activist

Eric Wright, Song writer and peace activist

Carole Gallagher, Nuclear photographer

John Craig Freeman, New media professor and augmented reality artist

Patrick Malone, Poet and peace activist

Sara Freeman, actor in the original cast of *Rocky Flats: A Nuclear Musical*

7:00 p.m.

Film Screening

Sunday, June 8

1:00-2:30 p.m.

What Do We Know about Rocky Flats Health Issues, 25 Years Later? – Panel Discussion

Participating moderator: Laura Frank, Vice President, News, Rocky Mtn. PBS and Executive Director, I-News

Terrie Barrie, Founding Member, Alliance of Nuclear Worker Advocacy Groups

Lee Newman, MD, Coordinator, medical surveillance program of former Rocky Flats workers

2:30-3:30 Break and discussions in the Information Center

3:30-5:00 p.m.

What Do We Know Today about Contamination from Rocky Flats? – Panel Discussion

Moderator, Len Ackland, Author, *Making a Real Killing: Rocky Flats and the Nuclear West*

David Abelson, Executive Director, Rocky Flats Stewardship Council

Carl Spreng, Rocky Flats Legacy Management Agreement Coordinator for the Colorado Dept. of Public Health & Environment

Niels Schonbeck, Chemistry Professor, University of Colorado Denver and Regis University

Bruce DeBoskey, Attorney, involved in citizens' lawsuit against Rocky Flats

Rocky Flats Then and Now: 25 Years after the Raid is sponsored in part by the *Bulletin of the Atomic Scientists*, and John and Carol Balkcom.

Rocky Flats Then and Now: 25 Years after the Raid is free and open to the public.

An information area representing various perspectives will be open Saturday, June 7 and Sunday, June 8. Opening and closing hours will correspond with the panel discussions.

The Arvada History Museum will host an art and history exhibition including photographs and artifacts from the Rocky Flats plant from June 6 through August 22, 2014.