

# ROCKY FLATS STEWARDSHIP COUNCIL

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## Monthly Status Report – July 2013

### Board meeting summary

There was no meeting this month.

### Legacy Management monthly site inspection summary

DOE reports on the following site activities for June. In addition to routine maintenance and surveillance activities, site personal conducted the following activities:

#### *Groundwater and Surface Water Monitoring*

- Completed 2<sup>nd</sup> quarter groundwater sampling (measured water levels in all wells and sampled 73 locations).
- Collected and processed automated surface water sample suites.
- Completed additional surface water sampling to support the Adaptive Management Plan and geochemistry evaluation.
- Assisted CDPHE with their collection of split samples from GS10 surface water sampling carboy.

#### *Groundwater Treatment Systems*

Optimization efforts on the treatment systems continued, predominantly components of the East Trenches Plume Treatment System (ETPTS) and Solar Ponds Plume Treatment System (SPPTS).

- ETPTS: DOE reports the system is functioning normally. Site personnel also collected air stripper performance evaluation sample suites.
- Mound Site Plume Treatment System: DOE reports the system is functioning normally.
- SPPTS: DOE reports the system is functioning normally.

#### *Ecology*

- Completed 2013 Revegetation Project, which consisted of adding soil amendments and reseeding three areas in the Central Operating Unit (COU) that were covered up by filling shallow depressions or were showing sparse growth.
- Assisted Texas A&M staff with their ongoing U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service sponsored bio-control insect monitoring efforts in areas that are now part of the COU.

### **Site Monitoring & Maintenance**

#### *Landfills*

- DOE reports there were no significant changes to report at either landfill.

## DOE Restructuring

In mid-July, Energy Secretary Moniz announced a restructuring for the agency. One of the changes is the establishment of the Office for the Under Secretary for Management and Performance. Included in this new organization is DOE's Office of Legacy Management (LM), whose responsibilities include managing Rocky Flats. Also included in this organization are Office of Management and Administration (MA), Office of Chief Human Capital Officer (HC), Office of Chief Information Officer (CIO), Office of Economic Impact and Diversity (ED), Office of Hearings and Appeals (OHA), and Office of Environmental Management (EM).

Other offices within DOE include the Office of the Under Secretary for Science and Energy, which will focus on implementing the President's Climate Action Plan, and the Under Secretary for Nuclear Security. National laboratories are included in the Office of the Under Secretary for Science and Energy.

Secretary Moniz issued a statement explaining the changes. His statement included the following:

Earlier today, we shared with you the plans for a reorganization of the Department's management structure that is designed to achieve several of our key priorities and those of the President. Successful implementation of the President's Climate Action Plan, "all of the above" energy strategy and nuclear security agenda require the appropriate alignment of management functions and strengthened management throughout the agency.

We wanted to take this opportunity to share some additional details of the reorganization, which consolidates the mission support functions of the Department in order to improve the effectiveness and efficiency of Departmental operations. The reorganization also brings together the management of our science and energy programs, which will improve the integration of these two key areas of the Department's mission. Finally, we are also establishing a system of Departmental Councils to improve coordination of issues that cut across Departmental organizational lines.

The DOE organization chart is attached to this email.

## Rocky Flats Cold War Museum has a new home

In early July, the Rocky Flats Cold War Museum announced it has a new home. According to Conny Bogaard, the Museum's Executive Director, "the move is necessary to reduce costs as the board works to refocus on fundraising, updating its website, developing a fall exhibit and planning a capital campaign for a permanent location."

Throughout the summer, the Museum is holding an exhibit by Doug Waterfield. Waterfield is a University of Nebraska—Kearney associate professor and chair of the Department of Art and Art History. According to the Museum's release, "Waterfield says the exhibit depicts the intense psychological symbol of the mushroom cloud and the phenomenon of atomic culture."

The Museum's new address is

5690 Webster Street (near the Arvada Library and Olde Town Square)  
Arvada, CO 80002

Hours are:

Monday – Thursday: 9am – 5pm

Friday: 9am – 3pm

Admission is free

## Stewardship Council update

Next meetings:

September 9 (second Monday of the month)

October 28 (fourth Monday of the month)

Starting in mid-September, the Stewardship Council will open the application process for organizations and individuals who would like to serve on the board of directors for 2014-2015. In addition to the 10 governments that make up the board of directors, there are four community representative seats. Those four community seats are currently held by League of Women Voters, Rocky Flats Cold War Museum, Rocky Flats Homesteaders, and Arthur "Murph" Widdowfield. More information will be available following the September 9<sup>th</sup> meeting.