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Monthly Status Report – December 2007

Board meeting summary:

There was no board meeting this month.

Legacy Management monthly site inspection summary:

Following is a summary of site activities for December.

- Air monitoring cartridges were changed out. The cartridges will be kept for 6 months, although the contents will not be tested.
- Settlement monuments at the Present Landfill and the Original Landfill were surveyed, satisfying the quarterly surveying requirements. The Original Landfill inspection was also completed.
- Phase 1 of the Original Landfill geotechnical investigation began with the non-intrusive survey using sonar instruments to catalog areas of waste beneath the cover. This data will be used to determine whether test pit and borehole locations need to be relocated (due to the presence of waste underneath a proposed pit or borehole location) for Phase 2 of the project.
- The site completed its re-vegetation project. DOE's subcontractor applied soil amendments, seed, and Flexterra (controls erosion and sediment) to approximately 13.5 acres, including the recently re-graded slump area near the former location of Building 991.
- DOE moved the document collection from the Rocky Flats Reading Room at the Front Range Community College in Westminster to the Rocky Flats Site offices. Most of the documents will be given to the University of Colorado Archives.
- The Rocky Flats Benefits Office has closed and all health and pension benefits are now being administered by the Mercer Group of Dallas, Texas.

Congressional update:

Just prior to Christmas, Congress approved funding for fiscal year 2008 appropriations (October 1, 2007 – September 30, 2008). Congress did not adopt the House's proposal to consolidate DOE's Office of Legacy Management (LM), which manages Rocky Flats, into the Office of Environmental Management, which is charged with remediating DOE sites. Funding for LM is \$190,562,000, a reduction of \$2.68M from the Administration's request. Of this amount, \$500,000 is provided to the Rocky Flats Cold War Museum.

Congress also appropriated \$441,000,000 for the national wildlife refuge system. It will be approximately two months before the Department of the Interior allocates funding to the USFWS regional offices, including the Region 6 office in Denver. Should funding for Region 6 increase, some of those funds could be used to conduct some priority work at the Rocky Flats National Wildlife Refuge (e.g., weed control). There will likely not be enough funding to fund a new FTE for the Rocky Flats refuge. Accordingly, USFWS will continue to delay full implementation of the site conservation plan.

Agency update:

None at this time.

Site document update:

In late December, DOE and CDPHE agreed to changes to the Present Landfill inspection and monitoring frequencies. The changes are captured in a site contact record:

http://www.lm.doe.gov/documents/sites/co/rocky_flats/rflma/RFLMACR200708Plan.pdf

The changes include:

1. Change slope stability and cover inspection/monitoring from monthly to quarterly.
2. Change monitoring of settlement monuments and side slope stability monuments from quarterly to annual.
3. Change vegetation monitoring from quarterly to monthly for noxious weeds during the growing season (April – September) and annual for vegetation until the success criteria is met.

Other changes concerns inspections after storm events, storm water management systems, and erosion control systems.

Stewardship Council update:

The next meeting is scheduled for February 4, 2008.