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Monthly Status Report – April 2007

Board meeting summary:

There was no meeting in April. The next meeting is scheduled for May 7, 2007.

Legacy Management monthly site inspection summary:

DOE distributed their March update on April 11th. Highlights of the report included:

- DOE reported that the transfer of the lands to encompass the Rocky Flats National Wildlife Refuge to USFWS has been delayed from mid-April until mid-May.
- DOE conducted its annual inspection of the site in March. Inspectors focused on violations of institutional controls, evidence of erosion, evidence of differential settlement or subsidence, and/or the presence of large pieces of debris. The results are still being reviewed but there do not appear to be any major concerns.
- DOE discharged approximately 17.8 million gallons of water from terminal ponds A-4 and B-5, both of which flow into Walnut Creek. DOE will again release water from these ponds in late May.
- The CERCLA Five-Year Review working team composed of personnel from the three agencies as well as DOE contractors continued working on the draft report. The team is in the process of identifying specific tasks and compiling background information for the report, which is due to EPA and CDPHE on August 1st.
- Fieldwork included:
 - maintenance of roads and both landfills;
 - maintenance of groundwater treatment systems;
 - replacement of erosion control systems damaged by sunlight, winds, and precipitation;
 - re-seeding in numerous areas of the site;
 - collection of a small number of water samples; and,
 - landfill re-vegetation inspections.

Congressional update:

During April, the Colorado delegation continued to focus on health benefits for former Rocky Flats workers. On May 2, the entire delegation, in an extremely rare show of unanimity, signed a letter supporting Rocky Flats workers seeking benefits under the Energy Employees

Occupational Illness Compensation Program Act, special exposure cohort provisions. That press release and letter can be found at: <http://salazar.senate.gov/news/releases/070502rflatsjnt.htm>. The May update will contain additional information about the workers' petition.

Agency update:

In late December 2006, DOE acquired the mineral rights to one of the four parcels Congress identified in the 2006 Defense Authorization act. That parcel is approximately 160 acres, with a purchase price of approximately \$2.5M. In late March 2007, Trust for Public Lands (TPL), acting as the intermediary between the property holders and the federal governments, acquired two other parcels encompassing approximately 300 acres. The purchase price is \$3M. In April The Natural Resource Trustees acquired these mineral parcels from TPL. These later two parcels are permitted for mining so DOE will retain jurisdiction over these parcels until such time that either mining commences and is completed, or the permits lapse.

The owner of the fourth parcel identified by Congress declined to sell his rights. With completion of these purchases, approximately \$4.5M remains with the Trustees for uses consistent with "The Rocky Flats National Wildlife Refuge Act of 2001".

Site document update:

On April 12th, EPA's public comment period for deleting off-site lands and refuge lands from the CERCLA National Priorities List closed. The Stewardship Council was briefed on the deletion at its February 5, 2007, meeting but did not offer comments on the proposed plan. Two Stewardship Council members (the cities of Westminster and Broomfield) offered comments. Those comments can be found in the Stewardship Council's May 7, 2007 meeting packet (http://www.rockyflatssc.org/rocky_flats_stewardship_council.html). Notice announcing the deletion of the lands is expected to be published in *The Federal Register* in early May.

Stewardship Council update:

None at this time.