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## Monthly Status Report – June 2008

### Board meeting summary:

There was no meeting this month.

### Legacy Management monthly site inspection summary:

June activities at the site included:

- Completed groundwater sampling for the second quarter of 2008.
- Conducted the semiannual movement monument and inclinometer surveys for all dams; nothing abnormal was noted in the data.
- Conducted routine inspection and maintenance of the groundwater treatment systems.
- Released bio-control insects at two locations to help control dalmatian toadflax, a noxious weed. The insects were provided by the Colorado Department of Agriculture.
- Conducted monthly wetland weed surveys.
- Sprayed for weeds at various locations.
- Conducted erosion control surveys in Preble's Meadow Jumping Mouse habitat.
- Inspected the Original and Present landfills; no significant issues were reported.
- Performed quarterly inspection of Site signs; all signs were found to be in satisfactory condition.

### Congressional update:

In mid-June Senator Salazar and Representative Perlmutter circulated draft legislation that would expand the scope of the Stewardship Council's role as the DOE-designated Rocky Flats Local Stakeholder Organization (LSO):

1. Work with both the Secretaries of Energy and Interior in "managing the Rocky Flats National Wildlife Refuge". Currently, under the federal LSO legislation Congress approved in 2005 the Stewardship Council is not permitted to use its DOE grant funds to work on Refuge issues unless there is a direct nexus to DOE. This proposed provision would expand the organization's role as the LSO for Rocky Flats to include all Refuge issues, even those for which there is no nexus to DOE, thereby allowing the organization to use its DOE grant funds for such purpose.
2. "In the sole discretion of the members of the [Stewardship Council] consult and coordinate with the Secretary of Energy and the Secretary of the Interior on integrating the Rocky Flats National Wildlife Refuge and other open spaces in the Rocky Flats

Environmental Technology Site into adjacent local governments regional open space, wildlife habitat, land and water resource conservation, and recreational enhancement initiatives or programs.” This provision would expand the Stewardship Council’s role as the LSO to include working with Senator Salazar and Representative Perlmutter on their proposed “Beyond the Fences”.

The draft bill further specifies the bill does not authorize federal eminent domain or “usurp, preempt, or expand any local government powers.” Because of the timing of the proposed legislation vis-à-vis Board meetings, the Board has not yet discussed this proposal. Members, however, have expressed a range of opinions.

### Rocky Flats-related documents

In a letter dated June 6, 2008, Mike Owen, Director of DOE’s Office of Legacy Management, committed to preserving the Rocky Flats-related documents that DOE once housed at Front Range Community College. DOE states that

In response to the public interest, as well as ongoing litigation, the Department intends to continue to store the 500 boxes, and is evaluating storage options in Colorado. As part of our evaluation, we will consider the most appropriate way to make this information available to the public, while preserving the contents of the boxes for litigation purposes and protecting sensitive information. Our decision to retain the contents of these as one unique collection should address your concerns.

For copies of the letter please email [info@rockyflatssc.org](mailto:info@rockyflatssc.org)

### Agency update:

None at this time.

### Site document update:

In mid June DOE posted a contact record for excavations greater than 3 feet below grade to breach dams A-1, A-2, B-1, B-2, B-3 and B-4. According to the contact record, “Prior to completing the cleanup and closure of Rocky Flats, DOE issued the October 2004, *Pond and Land Reconfiguration Environmental Assessment Comment Response, and Finding of No Significant Impact (DOE/EA-1492)*, in which it proposed to breach Dams A-1 and A-2 (located in North Walnut Creek) and Dams B-1, B-2, B-3 and B-4 (located in South Walnut Creek).” DOE proposed the dam breach “to reduce the active management and maintenance needs by constructing ‘notches’ in the dams, which would allow water to flow through the notches with lower upstream pool levels.”

The excavation and construction involves actions prohibited by the institutional controls (ICs) identified in the Rocky Flats Legacy Management Agreement (RFLMA), and thus requires regulatory approval. The record can be found at:

[http://www.lm.doe.gov/documents/sites/co/rocky\\_flats/rflma/200802/RFLMA\\_CR200802.pdf](http://www.lm.doe.gov/documents/sites/co/rocky_flats/rflma/200802/RFLMA_CR200802.pdf)

Stewardship Council update:

Upcoming meetings are scheduled for:

August 4, 2008

October 6, 2008

November 3, 2008