

Rocky Flats Citizens Advisory Board Recommendation 97-7

to the Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment

Recommendations and Comments on the Containerized and Bulk Corrective Action Management Unit (CAMU) Applications

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Background

The Rocky Flats Citizens Advisory Board (RFCAB) has reviewed applications for the two CAMU designations at the Rocky Flats Environmental Technology Site and submits the following comments.

Recommendations

RFCAB recognizes the potential for delays in offsite disposal of remediation materials. It also recognizes that these delays can hamper the accelerated cleanup of contaminated areas at the site. As the reduction of risk from contaminants is paramount to all parties involved, the RFCAB supports the approval of the CAMU applications with the following recommendations:

1. As stated in past recommendations, RFCAB does not support onsite disposal of radioactive material. In keeping with this commitment, RFCAB recommends that the need for the CAMU designation be reviewed by the Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment on a regular basis to ensure that it remains as temporary storage and not turned into onsite disposal.
2. RFCAB recommends the development of a formal process to evaluate when the construction of the temporary storage facilities becomes necessary due to limitations in offsite disposal options. This decision-making process should include full public involvement, both in its development and implementation.
3. As the area slated for the bulk CAMU has already been identified as a remediation site, the RFCAB recommends that the CAMU application be approved on the condition that facility construction not be authorized until the location has undergone remedial action.
4. As always, RFCAB feels that public involvement is an integral part of any of the site closure projects. RFCAB recommends continued public review and comment on documents related to

the development of these facilities, in particular any documents pertaining to monitoring requirements, facility siting and design, safety analysis, and security. The RFCAB requests that it be kept informed of and allowed to review interim project documents as they become available.

The Rocky Flats Citizens Advisory Board is a community advisory group that reviews and provides recommendations on cleanup plans for Rocky Flats, a former nuclear weapons plant outside of Denver, Colorado.

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