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Monthly Status Report – May 2013

Board meeting summary

There was no meeting this month.

Legacy Management monthly site inspection summary

DOE's April 2013 Rocky Flats activities included:

Groundwater and Surface Water Monitoring

- Collected and processed automated surface water sample suites.
- Sampled the Mound Site Plume Treatment System (MSPTS), and the East Trenches Plume Treatment System (ETPTS) air stripper.
- Collected the full round of Walnut Creek ambient samples.
- Measured 2nd quarter 2013 water levels.
- Collected and processed Functional Channel 4 special surface water composite suites in support of the ongoing investigation into the source(s) of elevated levels of uranium, americium and plutonium in water samples at surface water monitoring station GS-10.
- Collected quarterly grab samples at the Original Landfill (OLF) and the Present Landfill (PLF).

Groundwater Treatment Systems

Routine inspections of the treatment systems were conducted as follows:

- ETPTS: DOE reports the system is functioning normally.
- MSPTS: DOE reports the system is functioning normally.
- Solar Ponds Plume Treatment System: DOE reports the system is functioning normally.

Ecology

- Planted plants for the 2013 habitat enhancement project located on the pediment south of the Solar Ponds.
- Installed willow stakes at the Present Landfill.
- Conducted routine Preble's Meadow Jumping Mouse (federal endangered species) inspections.

Site Monitoring & Maintenance

- There were no significant changes to report at either landfill.
- Completed the biennial topographical laser survey of the OLF cover.
- The D-2 land parcel (west side of the refuge north of the gravel operations) road revegetation project area was graded, fertilized, seeded, harrowed, and hydro-mulched.

Office of Legacy Management – Budget Update

In May, DOE's Office of Legacy Management secured Congressional approval to transfer \$19 million (called "reprogramming" in DOE parlance) from Rocky Flats and Fernald (Ohio) to Los Alamos National Laboratory (LANL). The funds, including \$13 million from Rocky Flats, will come out of current year funding. LANL would use the additional money to support remediation activities.

The Rocky Flats funds are currently devoted to litigation, contract closeout, and record management. According to an article in the *Albuquerque Journal* and DOE officials, due to decrease litigation costs, funding is available, and shifting these funds to LANL will not compromise DOE's work at Rocky Flats.

Rocky Flats Archives at the CU-Boulder Archives

Over the years, the CU-Boulder Archives has established an extensive collection of Rocky Flats documents. Some are currently available for public inspection; others, such as the files of former Representative David Skaggs, will not be publicly available for another five years or so. Recently, the Archives began the task of cataloguing the Rocky Flats Citizens Advisory Board's files. The Rocky Flats Stewardship Council donates copies of its board packets to the Archives. The Rocky Flats Coalition of Local Governments' files are also archived at the Archives.

For information of the collection, go to <http://ucblibraries.colorado.edu/archives/initiatives.htm>
Following is the overview from the Archives' website

Rocky Flats Nuclear Weapons Plant Project & the Atomic West

The Archives, University of Colorado at Boulder Libraries, seeks to establish the definitive archive on Rocky Flats Nuclear Weapons Plant and nuclear issues in the West. Ever since the acquisition of the *Carl Johnson Papers*, the papers of the Jefferson County Health official and critic of Rocky Flats, in 1989, the Archives has sought materials related to the Rocky Flats and western nuclear issues. During the next ten years, we made acquisitions of papers generated during the Cold War, from pacifists and ant-nuclear activists and organizations, such as the *Rocky Mountain Peace and Justice Center Papers*, *Kathy Partridge Collection*, *Dr. John Cobb*, *Two Rivers Citizens' Association*, *American Friends Service Committee - Rocky Flats Project*, *Mary Hey Papers*, *Chet Tchozewski Collection*, *Roy Young Collection*, and the *Morey Wolfson Collection*. In following years, we were also able to enhance these activist collections with further activist and academic collections, like those of Edward Martell and Gilbert White.

Of course, the Archives' papers of Colorado representatives and senators hold information on Rocky Flats, such as the papers of Gordon Allott, Gary Hart, Tim Wirth, and David Skaggs. These collections contain constituent files, campaign positions, policy statements and legislation. We also have the papers of the Colorado Freeze Voter, a political campaign to place a nuclear freeze into the political campaigns of the late 1980s.

The Archives also has an ongoing interest in papers from the worker side of the issue, having acquired the *United Steelworkers of America, Subdistrict #6*, the *Oil, Chemical and Atomic Workers*, the *Joe Goldfield Papers*, and the *James Stone Papers*. We welcome donations from other former Rocky Flats workers.

After the closure of Rocky Flats, the facility was “cleaned up”, demolished, decontaminated, and turned into a wildlife sanctuary, along the lines of the Rocky Mountain Arsenal. The environmental cleanup attracted the attention of a number of citizens groups, many of which have recently donated their papers to the Archives: The Environmental Information Center, the Rocky Flats Coalition of Local Governments, the Rocky Flats Citizen’s Advisory Board, Hildegard Hix. LeRoy Moore of The Rocky Mountain Peace and Justice Center, continues to donate its more current files, as well.

The Archives has also received the offer of the holdings of the entire Rocky Flats Reading Room, once located at Rocky Flats and at Front Range Community College. This large holding contains 600 linear feet of documents including Colorado and federal reports.

Lastly, the Archives is interested in the Atomic West and has acquired papers relating to the High Level Nuclear Waste Repository in Yucca Mountain, New Mexico. We also hold the research collection for Pulitzer Prize winner Eileen Welsome’s book, *Plutonium Files*, as well as papers of Dr. James Stebbings. The Rocky Flats Reading Room material also contains documents relating to nuclear facilities across the West.

Stewardship Council update

Next meetings:

June 3

September 9 (second Monday of the month)

October 28 (fourth Monday of the month)