

# ROCKY FLATS STEWARDSHIP COUNCIL

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## Monthly Status Report – July 2014

### Board meeting summary

*There was no meeting this month.*

### Legacy Management monthly site inspection summary

DOE reports that its site activities for June focused on routine maintenance and surveillance activities.

#### *Environmental*

- Completed 2<sup>nd</sup> quarter 2014 groundwater sampling. During this quarter, DOE samples every RFLMA well (89 in total), making the quarter the most-intensive water sampling quarter.

#### *Groundwater Treatment Systems*

- East Trenches Plume Treatment System (ETPTS): DOE reports the system is functioning normally.
- Mound Site Plume Treatment System (MSPTS): DOE reports the system is functioning normally.
- Solar Ponds Plume Treatment System (SPPTS): DOE reports the system is functioning normally.

#### *Ecology*

- Conducted spot herbicide applications at various locations.
- Conducted erosion control and wetland water level surveys.
- Began Dalmatian toadflax mapping.

#### *Landfills*

- DOE did not have anything to report.

### Contact Record 2014-07

*Abandonment of Sentinel well 88104 at the Rocky Flats Site, Colorado*

During water quality sampling that DOE conducted in the second quarter 2014, site personnel discovered that a well casing was broken. This contact record documents DOE, CDPHE and EPA's consultation and identifies next steps.

As provided in the record, “Sentinel well 88104 casing is broken within the screened interval, approximately 10 feet below ground surface. This well monitors groundwater downgradient of former Building 881 (B881). The broken casing was observed during the second quarter 2014 sampling event, and it was noted that several feet of the well casing has filled with filter-pack sand. Site technical staff believes the damage was caused by movement of the soil on the hillside.”

The record continues by exploring options DOE and the regulators have for addressing the well, concluding that sufficient basis exists to abandon the well in place. The record can be found at: [http://www.lm.doe.gov/Rocky\\_Flats/ContactRecords.aspx](http://www.lm.doe.gov/Rocky_Flats/ContactRecords.aspx)

### Changes to Former Workers Healthcare Plans

In recent weeks, Stewardship Council staff has received calls from former workers about pending changes to their healthcare plan, particularly the rising out-of-pocket costs for medication. Representatives Perlmutter and Polis are spearheading the Colorado Congressional delegation’s inquiry into this matter. Congressional staff reports that it is too early to know (1) the potential financial impact to former workers of the pending changes, (2) whether such changes are consistent with other federally-managed health plans, and (3) whether any prior union contracts these workers approved would allow or otherwise void these changes. The answer to these and other questions will likely not be known for months.

### Stewardship Council update

Next meetings:

September 8

October 27 (note change of meeting date)