

Public comment for April 1, 2019 RFSC meeting

At the February 4, 2019 RFSC meeting, a comment was made by a board member about the ongoing air-monitoring at the Rocky Flats site. This board member is not understanding that there is no ongoing air-monitoring at the Rocky Flats site. The only monitoring at the site is of water, both surface and ground water.

It is unfortunate that there is no air monitoring, because this is the best way to detect plutonium, a potentially lethal contaminant at Rocky Flats. Plutonium does not dissolve in water. This is a good thing in regards to Standley Lake, drinking water source for Westminster, Northglenn, and Thornton. The plutonium in Standley Lake hopefully is deep in the sediment and not dissolved in the water. However, with no ongoing air-monitoring or soil testing of the Rocky Flats site, it is difficult to ascertain clearly the health risk from plutonium.

On the subject of potential fracking at Rocky Flats, I very much hope that the Rocky Flats Stewardship Council issues a statement opposing fracking anywhere near the Rocky Flats Site. The plutonium processing building foundations, the original landfill, and other areas of the former plant site are covered by a protective layer of dirt. Fracking, as we all know, can cause earthquakes. An earthquake at Rocky Flats could potentially uncover lethal substances.

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