
Rocky Flats Surface Water Configuration Environmental Assessment (EA)

Informational Public Meeting
Broomfield City and County Building
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Purpose of this Informational Public Meeting

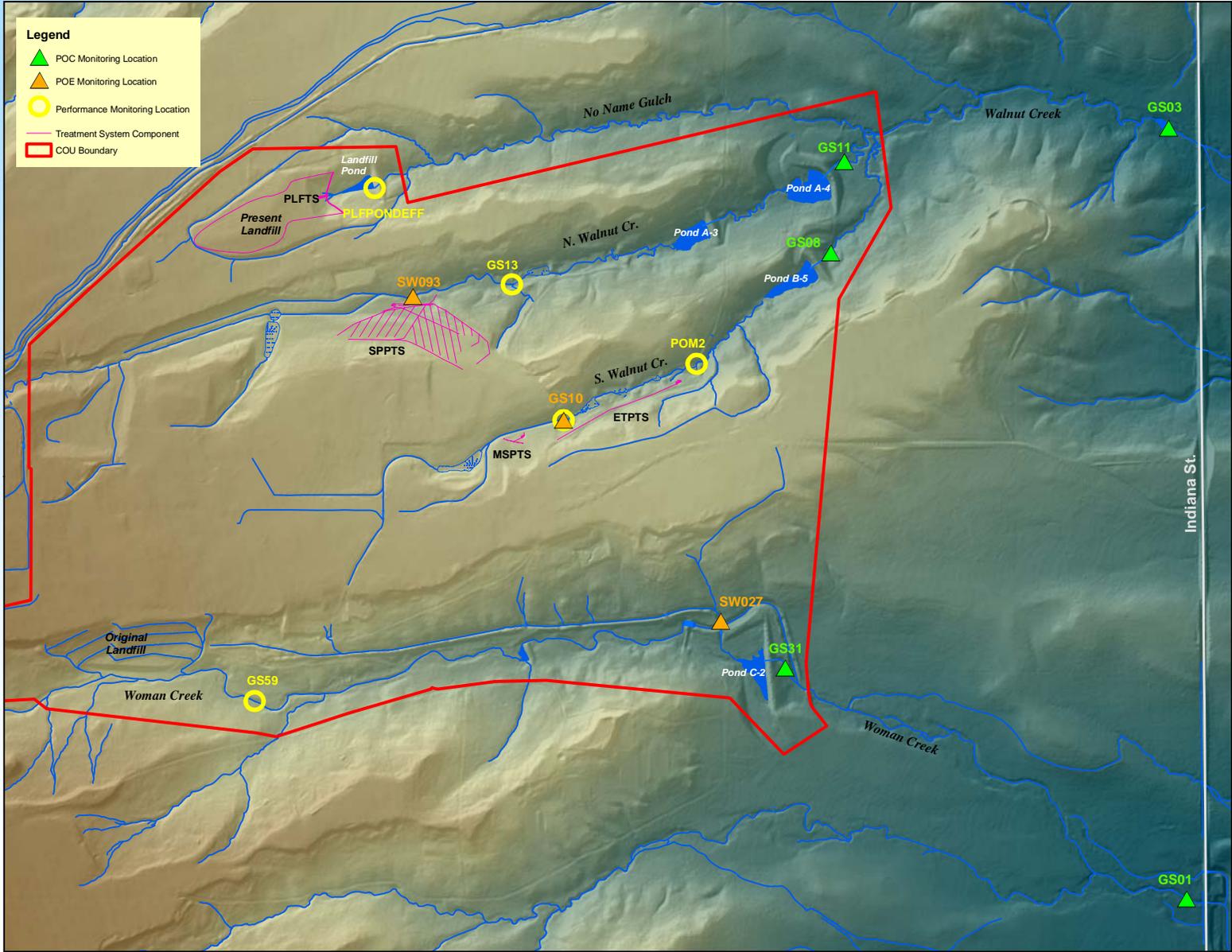
- Familiarize public with Draft EA
- Encourage public review and comment
- Answer questions on what was evaluated
 - Identify additional information that should be considered



The Proposed Action

- Breach five dams that are no longer necessary to site operations
 - Dams are not part of the CERCLA remedy
 - No change to DOE's obligations to monitor surface water and meet standards as required by RFLMA





Purpose of the Action

- Return surface water to approximate original stream configuration
- Desired results
 - Ecological benefits
 - Dam safety
 - Cost reduction
 - Resolution of evaporative depletion issues



Draft EA Alternatives

- Breach all five dams

- Dam breach schedule

- Breach dams at Present Landfill pond, pond A-3, C-2 (2011)
 - Operate dams at A-4 and B-5 in flow-through condition
 - Breach dams at A-4 and B-5 (2015–2018)

- No action

- Continue current dam operations



Rocky Flats Surface Water Configuration EA

- Required for federal action under National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA)
- Solicited input on issues, concerns and alternatives from the public for consideration prior to preparing draft EA
- Alternatives proposed and evaluated
- Federal, State and Tribal agencies invited to participate
 - Consultation
 - USFWS, CDOW
 - Cooperating Agency
 - US EPA, USACE, CDPHE, CDOW, 18 Tribes



EA (continued)

- Analyze environmental impacts of proposed action
 - Hydrological
 - Species and habitats
 - Wetlands and floodplains
- Final decision document will determine path forward
 - Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI)or
 - Environmental Impact Statement (EIS)



Dam A-1 Breach



Dam A-1, 10/08/2008



Breach Dam A-1,
01/08/2009



Flow at A-1 and A-2, Dam A-3. A-4, 04/23/2010



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Public Participation

- Draft EA released for 30-day public comment period
 - Written comments will be accepted through June 1, 2010
 - Oral comments tonight summarized for consideration
- Draft EA available on Legacy Management website
 - http://www.LM.doe.gov/Rocky_Flats/Sites.aspx?view=5
 - EA will be provided on CD by request by calling (720) 377-9672 or e-mailing rinfo@LM.doe.gov
- Written comments should be e-mailed to rinfo@LM.doe.gov, or mailed to: Rocky Flats Surface Water Configuration EA, 11025 Dover St., Suite 1000, Westminster, CO 80021
- Comments will be considered in final EA, which will include a summary of comments

