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**Notification of Intent to Prepare an Environmental Assessment (EA) of the
Surface Water Configuration Project at the Rocky Flats Site**

The U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) intends to prepare an Environmental Assessment (EA) of proposed actions at the Rocky Flats Site and to invite public participation during the preparation of the EA.

The Rocky Flats Site is approximately 16 miles northwest of downtown Denver, between Boulder and Golden along Highway 93. The site was cleaned up and closed in 2006 and the DOE Office of Legacy Management (LM) is responsible for its long-term care.

The *Rocky Flats Surface Water Configuration Project at the Rocky Flats Site EA* will evaluate impacts related to breaching dams and restoring approximate stream configurations for creeks traversing the Rocky Flats, CO, Site.

Currently several dams hold surface water in retention ponds that are no longer necessary to site operations. LM wants to reduce or eliminate the retention of surface water to return the Rocky Flats surface water flow configuration to approximate original conditions. Returning flows will provide ecological benefits by improving riparian habitat and promoting wetlands. In addition, LM wants to reduce or eliminate the inspection and reporting costs associated with meeting dam safety requirements and the management and maintenance costs for upkeep of the dams.

For more information, please see the *Introduction to Rocky Flats Surface Water Configuration EA* presentation available on the Rocky Flats Legacy Management website at http://www.lm.doe.gov/Rocky_Flats/Sites.aspx?view=5 , or call Rocky Flats Public affairs at 720-377-9672.

LM will accept public input on the alternatives to be evaluated through Feb. 12, 2010. The proposed project and EA will also be discussed at the Rocky Flats Stewardship Council quarterly public board meeting on April 5, 2010. For information on the meeting please visit the Stewardship Council website at <http://www.rockyflatssc.org/index.html> or call (303) 412-1200.

Please mail any comments or concerns to Rocky Flats Surface Water Configuration Environmental Assessment, 11025 Dover St., Suite 1000, Westminster, CO 80021, or e-mail them to rfinfo@lm.doe.gov . If you are interested in being notified of the availability for review of the Draft EA for review and comment, please provide an e-mail address to which the draft and other future communication can be sent.