



Department of Energy
Office of Legacy Management

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Notification of Availability and Request for Public Review and Comments on the Draft Rocky Flats Surface Water Configuration Environmental Assessment (EA)

The U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) has prepared a Draft Environmental Assessment (EA) of proposed actions at the Rocky Flats Site and is releasing the Draft EA for public review and comment.

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 2005 with DOE acceptance in 2006. The DOE Office of Legacy Management is responsible for its long-term care.

The *Draft Rocky Flats Surface Water Configuration EA* evaluates 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. DOE 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, DOE 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.

The *Draft Rocky Flats Surface Water Configuration EA* is available on the Community Involvement page of the DOE Legacy Management website at http://www.LM.doe.gov/Rocky_Flats/Sites.aspx?view=5.

DOE will accept written public comments on the Draft EA received no later than June 1, 2010. DOE will also conduct an informational public meeting during the comment period. The public meeting will be held during the third week of May and the time and location of the meeting will be announced via web posting, broadcast e-mail, and local media at least one week in advance.

Please e-mail your written comments to rfinfo@LM.doe.gov with RF EA Comments in the subject line, or mail to Rocky Flats EA Comments, 11025 Dover St., Suite 1000, Westminster, CO 80021.

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