

Environmental Restoration Priorities

In January 1991 an Interagency Agreement (IAG), which sets forth the activities and schedules for environmental restoration at the Rocky Flats Plant, was signed by the U.S. Department of Energy, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency and the Colorado Department of Health. The IAG replaces a 1986 Compliance Agreement reflecting new requirements of the Superfund Amendments and Reauthorization Act and helps to clarify cleanup priorities.

The IAG organizes 178 individual hazardous substance sites at the plant into 16 larger areas—termed operable units (OUs). The OUs are ranked and assigned schedules according to cleanup priority. The schedule provides for interim remedial action at several of the OUs while investigations continue in support of final remedial action. The 16 operable units are designated as follows:

- OU1 881 Hillside Areas
- OU2 903 Pad, Mound and East Trenches Areas
- OU3 Offsite Releases
- OU4 Solar Ponds
- OU5 Woman Creek
- OU6 Walnut Creek
- OU7 Present Landfill
- OU8 700 Area
- OU9 Original Process Waste Lines
- OU10 Other Outside Closures
- OU11 West Spray Field
- OU12 400/800 Area
- OU13 100 Area
- OU14 Radioactive Sites
- OU15 Inside Building Closures
- OU16 Low-Priority Sites

The IAG provides milestones for the activities and documentation requirements for remediation of the 16 operable units according to the Resource Conservation and Recovery Act (RCRA) and the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation and Liability Act (CERCLA). The milestone schedules currently extend into August 2001.

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