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Re RSOP for Asphalt and Soil Management

Dear Ms Castaneda

In reviewing the above referenced document and the comments generated by various stakeholders, it is apparent that there are certain aspects of the document that could be improved so as to enable a better understanding by all parties. The following are suggestions that EPA would recommend for clarifying the intent and use of this RSOP

- Add a section that briefly explains the differences between staging piles and stockpiles. Include the rationale behind the use of each, as well as timeframes, protective measures, and concentrations of contaminants that would go into the piles. Besides a separate section, information about staging piles and stockpiles should be added to the table that is provided in the Executive Summary
- Provide a better description of the criteria that will be used in determining that soils have "similar" contaminants or concentrations of contaminants
- For tracking purposes, the movement and characteristics of soils and asphalt that are subject to this RSOP should also be input to the data management system that is currently being developed for the upcoming remedial work

As stated above, these are suggestions that EPA is offering in the spirit of improving the document and to help all parties have a better understanding of how the proposed process will function. It is of the utmost importance, that this and the other defining documents that will be instrumental aspects of the massive cleanup about to be undertaken at Rocky Flats be clearly understood by all parties involved

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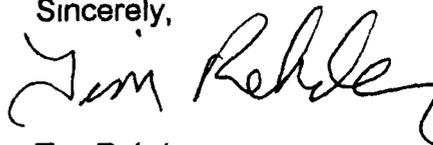


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