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DOE Invites the Public to an Informational Public Meeting to Learn About the Draft Rocky Flats Surface Water Configuration Environmental Assessment (EA)

The U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) invites the public to an informational public meeting to discuss the *Draft Rocky Flats Surface Water Configuration EA*, which is related to breaching dams and restoring approximate stream configurations for creeks traversing the Rocky Flats, CO, Site.

The public meeting will be held on Tuesday, May 18, 2010, in the Bal Swann room of the Broomfield City and County Building, One DesCombes Drive, Broomfield, Colo. Doors will open at 6 p.m. and DOE will begin the meeting promptly at 6:30 with a presentation on the Draft EA. Following the presentation, DOE and contractor staff will answer questions concerning the alternatives evaluated in 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 2005 with DOE acceptance in 2006. The DOE Office of Legacy Management is responsible for its long-term care.

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. 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.

If you have any questions or would like more information, email Bob Darr, Rocky Flats Public Affairs, at bob.darr@lm.doe.gov or call (720) 377-9672.