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The Department of Energy at Rocky Flats Plant

Environmental Assessment on Partial Closure of Solar Ponds

The U S Department of Energy's Environmental Assessment (EA) on its proposal to partially close five solar evaporation ponds at the Rocky Flats Plant is now available to the public Based on the Environmental Assessment the U S Department of Energy (DOE) has determined that the proposed action is not a federal action significantly affecting the quality of the human environment as defined by the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 and has issued a Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI) Both the EA and the FONSI can be reviewed at the locations listed on the right

Partial closure of the solar evaporation ponds as proposed by DOE would accomplished according to the requirements of the Resource Conservation and Recovery Act (RCRA) The five solar ponds are the only solar evaporation ponds that exist at the Rocky Flats Plant The proposed activity would involve dewatering the ponds where necessary and converting any remaining sludge or evaporator concentrate to solid waste forms called pondcrete and saltcrete which would be shipped offsite for disposal The pond sites would be stabilized to prevent erosion or other disturbance to the soil and to prevent run-off of rain or snowmelt

Before implementation the Colorado Department of Health and the U S Environmental Protection Agency would have to approve dewatering of the ponds as an interim measure The interim measure would be in place until 1991 when removal and remediation of the RCRA closed ponds would be initiated under the Interagency Agreement among DOE the U S Environmental Protection Agency and the Colorado Department of Health

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