



## **Rocky Mountain Arsenal Five-Year Site Review**

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### **What Is a Five-Year Review (Review)?**

Conducted collaboratively with federal, state and local regulatory agencies, Five-Year Reviews involve a comprehensive assessment of the performance of an environmental cleanup program and its ongoing protectiveness of human health and the environment. During the review, a multiagency team evaluates if environmental standards that affect the site have changed, whether the cleanup continues to be protective of public health and the environment and, if it can be expected to remain protective after completion of the project. The Arsenal has completed two Reviews, and the Reviews will continue to be performed even after the environmental cleanup work concludes.

### **Why Is a Review Conducted?**

The Superfund law requires a review of cleanup actions every five years at sites where contamination remains (landfills, disposal basins, water treatment plants, etc.)

### **Who Conducts the Review?**

Representatives from the U.S. Army (lead agency), Shell Oil Co., U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Environmental Protection Agency, Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment and Tri-County Health Department work together throughout the entire process to conduct the Review.

### **What are the Main Questions the Review Answers?**

- Is the remedy functioning as intended and as outlined in the Record of Decision (the document that provides the overall framework and rationale for the environmental cleanup program)?
- Are the assumptions used at the time of the cleanup selection still valid?
- Has any other information come to light that could call into question the protectiveness of the cleanup program?

### **What Are the Components of a Review?**

There are six components to the Review process

1. Document review
2. Data review and analysis
3. Site inspection
4. Community involvement and notification
5. Interviews
6. Assessing the protectiveness of the cleanup program and identifying any changes that need to be made

### **What Is the Public Involvement Process?**

As part of the process, the review team interviews community members and solicits public input on the following questions before the Review begins:

- What is your overall impression of the project?
- Are you aware of any community concerns regarding the site or its operation and administration?
- How do you think the overall remedy is functioning?
- Do you have any comments, suggestions or recommendations regarding the site's management or operation?

### **How Will I Know When the Report Is Available for Public Review?**

After the review is completed, a report is prepared and issued for a 30-day public comment period. The report will be available on the Arsenal's Web site at [www.rma.army.mil](http://www.rma.army.mil) (click on the Five Year Review link) and at the Arsenal's Joint Administrative Records and Document Facility (JARDF), open Monday – Friday noon to 4 p.m. or by appointment at 303-289-0362.

The comment period will be announced in local newspapers, on the Arsenal's Community Information Line – 303-289-0136 and posted on the Arsenal's Web site. Interested stakeholders and community groups will also be notified. All comments received will be reviewed and considered before finalizing the report.

### **How Does the Team Formulate Its Conclusions?**

The Review's conclusions include:

- Identification of issues and public concerns;

- Recommendations and follow-up actions; and
- A determination of whether the remedy is, or is expected to be, protective of public health and the environment.

These conclusions are reached through a technical assessment of the information collected during the document review, data collection, interviews, site inspection, and other activities.

### **Who Approves the Final Report?**

The Review process concludes with the preparation and delivery of a final Five-Year Review report to the Environmental Protection Agency for its approval.

### **Where Can I get a Copy of previous Reviews?**

Previous Review reports are available on the Arsenal's web site – [www.rma.army.mil](http://www.rma.army.mil), click on the Five-Year Review link. The document also is available at the JARDF.

### **Who Do I Call If I Have Questions?**

- Rocky Mountain Arsenal Community Information Line – 303-289-0136
- Environmental Protection Agency Community Information Officer 303-312-6025