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Construction for Increased Monitoring to Begin in Lime Basins Area of the Rocky Mountain Arsenal

To support the expansion of a monitoring project on U.S. Army-owned land, eight additional groundwater monitoring wells are being installed around a former remedy project known as the Lime Basins. The wells will provide supplemental monitoring and potential removal of dense non-aqueous phase liquid (DNAPL) to the extent practical as well as ensure long-term care of the area.

DNAPL is a liquid, composed of one or more chemicals, that does not mix with water and is heavier than water.

Due to expected high daytime temperatures and the special equipment the workers will be wearing, most of the work will be conducted during nighttime hours. Construction equipment and lights may be visible from a distance through the duration of the project.

The project will take place in two phases. Phase one involves site preparation and initial drilling activities. Phase two will involve additional drilling and chemical agent air monitoring which is necessary based on the history of the site.

The initial site preparation for phase one has already begun and nighttime work will begin on August 8. Phase two work will begin on August 20.

The Rocky Mountain Arsenal National Wildlife Refuge will be closed August 20 through September 21, to all public activities and visitation in support of the project. This temporary closure far exceeds the safety requirements, which is consistent with the site's safety practices.

Notification will be provided when the Refuge and Visitor Center will resume public visitation.

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