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## **Explanation of Significant Differences for the Section 36 Balance of Areas Soil Remediation Project - Rocky Mountain Arsenal (RMA) Federal Facility Site**

The U.S. Army recently completed the Explanation of Significant Differences (ESD) for the Section 36 Balance of Areas (BOA) Soil Remediation project. The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) requires public notification for any modification to the On-Post Record of Decision (ROD), which provides detailed descriptions of the cleanup approach selected for the site. The On-Post ROD was signed by the U.S. Army, State of Colorado, and EPA on June 11, 1996, and is supported by Shell Oil Co. and the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service.

The Section 36 BOA project is located within the central portion of the site. Disposal of waste associated with the Army and Shell Oil Co.'s manufacturing activities occurred from 1940s through the 1960s, which resulted in contamination of chemical sewer lines, ditches, drainage areas and surface soil.

The project originally consisted of 11 areas of soil contamination and nearby surface soil. Ten additional areas were identified during design or implementation and added to the project. These changes resulted in modified project boundaries, the excavation of additional soils and an increase in cost, which resulted in the need for an ESD.

These changes do not alter the overall hazardous waste management remedy selected in the ROD and are supported by the federal, state and local regulatory agencies.

This ESD, the Administrative Record, the RODs and Post -ROD documents supporting the cleanup are available at the RMA Joint Administrative Record and Document Facility, 5650 Havana St., Building 129, Commerce City, CO 80022; 303-289-0983; open M – F 12 – 4 p.m. or by appointment, and at the EPA Superfund Records Center, 1595 Wynkoop, Denver, CO 80202; 303-312-7287; open M – F 8 a.m. – 4 p.m.

***Comments on this ESD are requested by August 19, 2009.***  
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