

## 11.0 DOCUMENTATION OF SIGNIFICANT CHANGES

The Proposed Plan for the Rocky Mountain Arsenal Offpost Operable Unit was released for public comment in March 1993. The Proposed Plan identified Alternative N-4 (Offpost Groundwater Intercept and Treatment System) as the preferred alternative for groundwater in the North Plume Group and Alternative NW-2 (Continued Operation of the Northwest Boundary Containment System With Improvements as Necessary) as the preferred alternative for groundwater in the Northwest Plume Group. The Army received written comments from the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, the State of Colorado, the Tri-County Health Department, city and county governments, environmental action groups, and citizens. After review of these comments, it was determined that no significant changes to the preferred alternative, as it was originally identified in the Proposed Plan, were necessary.

As indicated earlier in Section 8.1.8, following the issuance of the Offpost Proposed Plan, additional discussions were held between the Parties regarding the implementation of the preferred alternative for the Offpost OU and the remedies for the Onpost OU. The main components of the preferred alternative for the Offpost OU remain intact. These components are:

- Operation (and improvement, if necessary) of the Offpost Groundwater Intercept and Treatment System
- Continued operation (and improvement, if necessary) of the NBCS and NWBCS
- Long-term groundwater and surface-water monitoring
- Five-year site review
- Well closure
- Provision of alternate water supplies and implementation of institutional controls intended to prevent future use of contaminated groundwater.

The Conceptual Remedy Agreement provides more specific criteria for the provision of alternate water supplies to current and future well owners, specific criteria for continued operation of and requirements for shutdown of the groundwater treatment systems, and additional requirements for

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the Army and Shell Oil Company such as tilling and revegetation of surface soil and additional study requirements. Because the main focus of the preferred alternative is unchanged by the Conceptual Remedy Agreement, and the additional actions specified in the Conceptual Remedy Agreement only clarify and enhance the preferred alternative, the Conceptual Remedy Agreement was not considered to be a significant change. Therefore, the preferred alternative as presented in the Proposed Plan, and additional actions to enhance the preferred alternative as outlined in the Conceptual Remedy Agreement, is the selected remedy.