



# MILESTONES

## A YEAR OF ACCOMPLISHMENTS 2002 IN REVIEW

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**R**MA moves another year closer to reaching the completion of the cleanup. As we celebrate a new year, we also celebrate the many accomplishments made during 2002. In addition to tremendous remediation

progress, the Summary and Evaluation team review was also completed. The completion of this review allowed the EPA and State officials to move forward with deletion of the Western Tier Parcel from the National Priority List. Also, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service was given the go ahead by the EPA to resume tours and reopen the Refuge for weekend activities. As in previous years, the cleanup of the Arsenal remains on schedule. Below are specific details regarding the progression of 2002.

### ■ Basin A Consolidation

Basin A receives lower level contaminated waste. The design capacity is 2.1 million cubic yards. Of that, approximately 1,136,092 cubic yards have been received, placing the basin at 54 percent of capacity.



### ■ Basin F and Basin F Exterior Soil Remediation Project - Part I

The Basin F Exterior Soils Remediation is nearing completion. The focus of this project is to remove contaminated soils surrounding the former Basin F. Greater than 95 percent of this work is now complete.

### ■ Munitions Testing/Burial Trenches

The current portion of this project encompasses seven munitions testing and burial trench related sites, six of which were identified by the Summary and Evaluation team. Three of these sites have been successfully completed, while the other four are currently in progress.

### ■ North Plants Structures Demolition

The primary focus of this project is foundation demolition and soils remediation. Fifty-one of the 57 structures have been demolished and more than 3,000 tons of steel have been recycled. When soil remediation and demolition efforts are considered, more than

60 percent of the North Plants Demolition project is completed. Eight of 11 pieces of equipment used in the manufacturing of chemical agents have also been destroyed.

### ■ On-Post Double-Lined Landfill

This landfill receives higher level contaminated waste. Waste was accepted to the on-post landfill at a higher rate in 2002 than in previous years. At times, over 600 trucks per day entered the landfill. The design capacity of the landfill is 1.8 million cubic yards. Currently, over 1.3 million cubic yards have been placed there, or approximately 2/3 of the total volume.

### ■ Secondary Basins Part II and Section 35 Soil Remediation

The focus of these projects is to remove contaminated soils from Section 35 and the former secondary basins. Work on the project began in the summer of 2002 and is approximately 50 percent complete.

### ■ South Plants Balance of Areas and Central Processing Area Soil Remediation Project

Considered as one of the largest soil remediation projects on-site, this project is now 95 percent complete. A tremendous amount of progress was made during the year. Removal of all soil will be complete in April 2003.

### ■ OSHA Star VPP

One of the most comprehensive environmental cleanup programs in the United States has again been named one of the safest places to work. Foster Wheeler Environmental Corporation's contract management at the Rocky Mountain Arsenal (RMA) is now a two-time recipient of the Occupational Safety and Health Administration's (OSHA) prestigious Star Voluntary Protection Program (Star VPP) status. This is the second time that OSHA has commended Foster Wheeler Environmental for its extraordinary safety culture and performance record at RMA. When the Arsenal first received Star VPP status in 1999, it was the first environmental cleanup site in the country to be honored with this award.

### ■ Refuge Resumes Visitor Activities

As a result of the Summary and Evaluation Team's investigation, the Arsenal was able to re-open up its Refuge weekend programs to the public this past October. Visitors now are able to take wildlife tours, as well as enjoy the newly revamped Visitor Center along with interactive wildlife exhibits. Since this re-opening, the Arsenal has seen more than 800 visitors take advantage of the unique experience of viewing abundant wildlife here at RMA.



## LOOKING AHEAD TO 2003 KEY UPCOMING PROJECTS

- EPA Issues Notice of Deletion on the 940-acre Western Tier Parcel. This land is now officially deleted from the National Priorities List.
- Begin Section 36 Balance of Areas Soil Remediation

- Complete South Plants Soil Remediation
- Complete North Plants Structure Demolition
- Complete Basin F and Basin F Exterior Soil Remediation Part I

- Continue North Plants Equipment Dismantling
- Continue Basin A Consolidation and Remediation