



Rocky Flats Stewardship Council

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Key Facts

- ✓ Independent entity organized in 2006 under Colorado laws and regulations
- ✓ Purpose: Provide ongoing local government and community engagement on post-closure management of Rocky Flats
- ✓ IGA: Organized under an Intergovernmental Agreement (IGA) amongst the 10 member governments
- ✓ Designated Local Stakeholder Organization (LSO) for Rocky Flats ~ DOE grant with annual funding
- ✓ LSO Scope: (1) historic use of Rocky Flats, (2) ongoing management, and (3) contamination from Rocky Flats, regardless of where it is found
- ✓ Non-LSO: Rocky Flats National Wildlife Refuge



MISSION STATEMENT ~ REVISED 2018

- A. To provide continuing local oversight engagement on activities occurring at the Rocky Flats site, to ensure that local government and community interests are met with regards to regarding long-term stewardship of residual contamination and refuge management;
- B. To provide a forum to track issues related to former site employees, including but not limited to long-term health benefits and pension programs;
- C. To provide an ongoing mechanism to help maintain public knowledge of Rocky Flats and to educate successive generations of the ongoing needs and responsibilities regarding contaminant management and refuge management; and
- D. To provide an ongoing forum to engage on all other issues pertinent to Rocky Flats, as determined by the Stewardship Council Board of Directors.

Why We Exist



Find Commonality

Intergovernmental engagement helps the parties identify common interests

Engage to Learn

Forum enables Board members to bring the information back to the respective governments and organizations – and act as you deem necessary and appropriate

Maintain Independence


Organizational structure allows parties to maintain independence

What Are We?

Who we are has evolved over 18 years

- ❖ Initial focus was ensuring that DOE was asking the correct questions and collecting the needed data
- ❖ Attention focused on informing the public about the site and understanding the needs of former workers
- ❖ In due time, the organization evolved into a forum mainly focused on monitoring the data and engaging DOE, CDPHE and EPA
- ❖ Primary goal: Make sure you have the information needed to respond to constituents, neighbors, etc.



A photograph showing three individuals in full-body orange protective suits with clear face shields, standing in a dark, industrial environment. They appear to be working with equipment in the background. The scene is dimly lit, with some overhead lights visible.

The Stewardship Council is not an advocacy organization

By the Numbers

0 = Number of times the plutonium water standard has been exceeded for water flowing off-site

0.15 = Plutonium water standard as measured in picocuries per liter

15 = Applicable federal water quality standard as measured in picocuries per liter for alpha radiation (standard that local governments generally use)

50% = Chance of a man in Colorado contracting cancer; 30% for women

10^{-5} = Increased risk from Rocky Flats for a wildlife refuge worker; risk to the public is less

18 = Number of years since the Rocky Flats cleanup was completed; site remains on the CERCLA Superfund list due to ongoing groundwater treatment

A Few Other Details

CDPHE and EPA continue to provide independent oversight

Quarterly monitoring data continue to show a stable site

No serious problems have been identified ~ only minor issues

35,000-40,000 use visits to the Rocky Flats National Wildlife Refuge annually

Refuge bill was designed to protect Rocky Flats from industrial and/or residential development

Rocky Flats Stewardship Council has met its mission ~ great success story



Highway 93 ~ 1954

What's Next for the Stewardship Council

A few options

1. Continue as is
2. Reorganize & restructure
3. Cease operations and approach the issues individually or in small groups



Look to the future.