



Change your clock; change your batteries

Daylight-saving time ends on Oct. 26. Remember to set your clocks back one hour at 2:00 a.m. on the 26th. Many fire departments encourage people to change smoke detector batteries when they change their clocks, because it can be so easy to forget otherwise.

Make it safe. Clean it up. Close it down.

Schmitt departs; Lockhart takes reins



A message from DOE RFFO Manager Gene Schmitt

When I arrived at Rocky Flats more than a year ago, I couldn't help but reflect on my days working with former Assistant Secretary Al Alm and the concept of accelerating work at closure sites like Rocky Flats. Now that I am returning to Washington DC, I find myself reflecting on the past year and what the dedicated Rocky Flats work force is achieving day-in and day-out.

You are clearly making significant contributions to a project that less than three years ago was deemed an impossible goal by some, but today is moving aggressively toward safe closure. You have achieved significant accomplishments; demolition of 302 facilities, four straight years of record waste shipments, major environmental remediation and established final soil cleanup levels. Yet, the most significant accomplishment of the project to date has been safely removing all weapons usable material from the site. With the reality of closure looming, I am proud to say that we are continuing to make significant progress. The end is in sight for Rocky Flats, and new horizons are opening for each of us. I wish all of you the best of luck as you leave Rocky Flats and transition to new careers.

As I said when I arrived last August, there is still a lot work to be done to complete this project. I again encourage you to remain vigilant in your day-to-day activities, to work safely and demonstrate to the citizens of Colorado and the nation that a project of this magnitude can be safely completed on time and within budget.

Thank you, Rocky Flats work force for your continued, steadfast dedication to the Rocky Flats Project. You are the ones making closure a reality.

– Gene Schmitt

Lockhart appointed RFFO Manager

Frazer R. Lockhart was recently appointed manager of the Rocky Flats Field Office. Lockhart, an 18-year veteran of the site, will lead the final stages of cleanup and closure.

He replaces Gene Schmitt, who served as manager for more than a year, and is returning to the environmental management program in Washington, D.C.

Smaller *Endvision* reflects smaller site

Welcome to the new *Endvision*.

The natural progression of closing Rocky Flats means that all programs and projects at Rocky Flats will eventually be eliminated. All of us, including the Kaiser-Hill Communications Department, are changing the scope of our work as part of that progression.

Communications is streamlining its services, and *Endvision* is the first of our products to get a new look. Gone are the glossy paper and larger size, except for special editions. Hard copy distribution is also being scaled

back. Computer users are asked to view *Endvision* over the site intranet. A limited number of hard copies will still be available in regular drop-off locations. The new smaller size and in-house printing will save money and resources.

We believe that *Endvision* is still an important communication tool for delivering key information and status of closure activities to the site. We hope you continue to use *Endvision* as your first source of information.

Winter is on the way – think safety

By Jeanna Blatt

With local weather forecasters predicting heavy snowfall this year, the Rocky Flats Winter Safety committee is preparing for the challenges winter may bring.

“Many people have been relocated due to building demolition,” said Steve Dieterle, manager of Site Operations and the Winter Safety Committee lead. “It is important to recognize the new hazards that may be present in your area and locate snow removal tools in your building.”

Rocky Flats reported 22 weather-related slips, trips, and falls last year alone. Black ice, failure to use designated walkways and improper footwear were the leading cause of incidents.

To stay warm and safe this winter, know the Winter Weather Safety Guidelines.

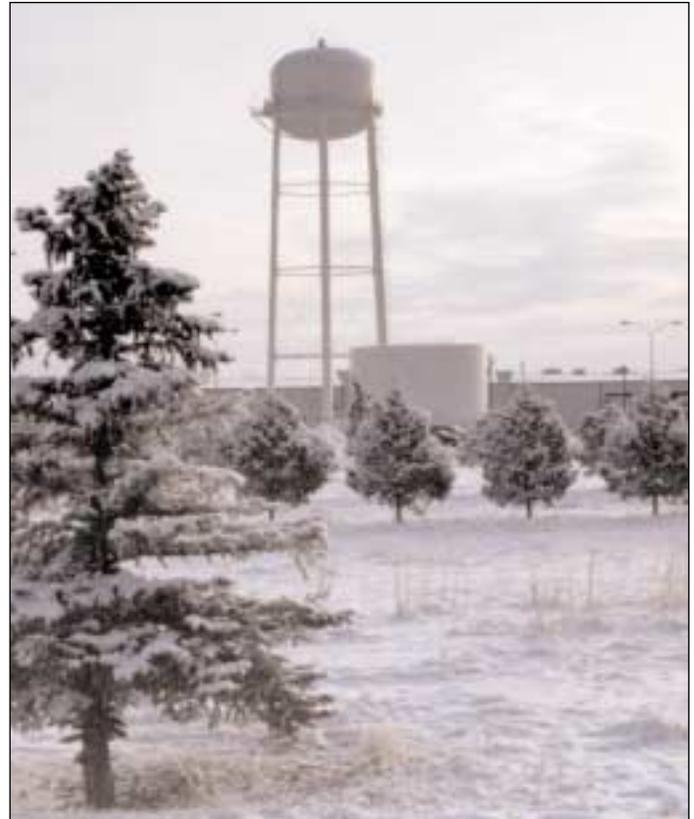
- Dress for cold weather – wear anti-slip footwear, a hat and gloves.
- Avoid overexertion during snow removal, pushing a car, or walking in deep snow.
- Winterize your vehicle – make sure that your tires have good traction and are inflated to the right pressure, install new windshield wiper blades and fill washer fluid.
- Carry a first-aid kit, snow-scraper and brush, flashlight and snow boots in your car.
- Be alert and slow down. It may be difficult to see when driving or walking in inclement weather.
- Take extra caution when driving on site. Remember heavy equipment has the right of way.
- Use 3-D awareness – above, below, and all around – when walking on site. Use designated walkways and be aware of your surroundings at all times.
- Allow more time for travel to and from work.

Please report hazardous winter conditions to the Snow Removal Operation Center, x4455. The center, staffed with over sixty employees, will be activated during inclement weather for snow removal operations. Mountain View personnel should contact John Thompson, x6269, with winter safety concerns. Working together we can avoid slips, trips and falls this winter.

Snow Closure

RFETS and Mountain View
303-966-2546

Call RFETS Newswire for up-to-date information during emergencies, weather related closures, delays or current site conditions.



Occupational Medicine offers flu vaccine to site employees

The Occupational Medicine Department (OMD) is offering three flu vaccine clinics for Rocky Flats workers.

Mountain View: Tuesday, Nov. 4, 8 to 11:30 a.m.

750 cafeteria: Wednesday, Nov. 5, 11:30 a.m. to 4 p.m.

T130C, OMD: Thursday, Nov. 6, 7 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Consult your doctor before getting the flu vaccine if...

- You have ever had a serious allergic reaction to chicken eggs, latex or to a previous dose of influenza vaccine.
- You have a history of Guillian-Barre' Syndrome (GBS) or suffer a neurological disorder.
- You are pregnant.
- You have a hypersensitivity to Thimerosal, a mercury derivative.
- You currently are feverish or ill.
- You are being treated with immunosuppressive therapy including radiation, corticosteroids, antimetabolites, alkylating agents and cytotoxic agents or if you have an impaired immune response.
- You have thrombocytopenia or any coagulation disorder.

Rocky Flats' Foundation closing its doors

The Rocky Flats Foundation (RFF) is closing its doors on Dec. 31, 2003.

With the closure of the site nearing and the continued downsizing of site staffing, the RFF board of directors has decided to close the Foundation at the end of the calendar year.

The Foundation, originally known as the Do Club, started in 1976. In 1990, the Do Club became the RFF, expanding its community outreach mission as an independent foundation run by an all-volunteer board.

Since 1976, more than \$6 million has been donated to more than 500 local, non-profit organizations, helping to improve the quality of life within our community.

The generous contributions of site employees and contractors over the past 27 years has made it possible for the Foundation to touch a

large number of people. RFF donated to disaster relief for victims of the Big Thompson flood, the tragedies of Columbine and Sept. 11 and the catastrophic wildfires that plagued Colorado and Los Alamos, N.M. during the drought of the last several years. Donations have gone to food banks and shelters for the homeless and elderly, child welfare, programs for troubled youth, support for the disabled and medical research into treatment and cures for cancer and other debilitating diseases. Many local volunteer fire departments received money to help purchase better equipment and increase training. The Rocky Flats Homesteaders Helping Hand Fund was also a beneficiary of RFF's outreach, helping employees' families through times of crisis.

It's still not too late to make a final contribution to RFF. All remain-

ing funds collected by the Foundation will be donated to Bonfils Blood Center.

Kaiser-Hill and other site contractors continue to contribute to support the community through a variety of philanthropic efforts.



OMD's move brings changes in parking and access routes



By Bob Darr

The recent move of Occupational Medicine from B122 to T130C required some changes in traffic routes and parking in the T130 area.

The area marked by yellow lines in front of T130C is for emergency vehicle use only – parking is not allowed inside the lines.

In addition, a new emergency access route to the T130 parking area from the West Access Road has been added. This access is for emergency vehicles only. SPOs will monitor the area to ensure that no other vehicles use the access route.

Traffic routes on site are constantly changing in support of D&D operations. Please watch for road closures and changes in routes.

Recognizing early warning signs key to preventing violence

By Bill Badger

For most of us, going home the way we came to work, safely, means keeping our fingers out of harm's way and staying out of the way of an increasing number of end-dump trucks hauling away building debris. However, staying safe at work also means preventing workplace violence.

Rocky Flats takes workplace violence seriously and follows a zero-tolerance policy. Kaiser-Hill has a prevention and preparedness program, including training on potential danger signals and ways violence can be prevented.

Employees accepting the possibility of workplace violence and actively planning to prevent it is the first step in avoiding an incident. This requires that each of us remains vigilant, knows the early warning signs and signals of potential violence, the appropriate responses and where to report incidents.

Identify threats

There are no absolutes in identifying the early signs of potential violence, but a red flag should be raised when an employee exhibits one or more of the following warning signs:

- Direct or veiled threats of harm to people or company property
- Condoning violence as a way to resolve a problem or a previous incident of violence
- Paranoid behavior
- Signs of increased use of alcohol and/or illegal drugs
- Disregard for safety of co-workers
- Inability to take criticism of job performance
- Increasing conflicts with co-workers or supervisors
- Escalation of domestic problems
- Repeated violation of company policies
- Increased mood swings or extreme changes in behavior
- Explosive outbursts of anger or rage without provocation
- Statements indicating desperation (over family, financial, or other personal problems) to the point of suicidal tendencies or comments
- Bringing a weapon to the workplace, making inappropriate references to guns or making idle threats about using weapons to harm someone

Keep in mind that not every noted behavior will lead to violence. Continuing layoffs, coupled with home or financial problems, can lead to increased levels of stress.



B776/777 Cold and Dark

Miles of lights draped on power cords light the way for D&D workers in B776/777. The building was switched to temporary power and lighting as it enters the final phases of D&D. All conduit in the

building is now completely de-energized, making strip-out of electrical systems safer and faster, replacing the hand-over-hand conduit characterization and Lock Out/Tag Out procedures.

Sometimes, all someone needs is a simple expression of concern or help with daily tasks to relieve some of their frustration and stress.

Create a safer workplace

- Emphasize communication among fellow employees
- Listen to your co-workers
- Keep your eyes open
- Don't shrug off unusual behavior
- Think prevention when it comes to people problems
- Don't minimize co-workers problems

Finally, if you observe or are subject to a violent outburst, threats or unacceptable reactions to workplace conflict by anyone on site, report it to a supervisor or manager. You may also leave a confidential message on the Employee Concerns Hotline, x5900. In an emergency situation, call X2911 or at Mountain View, call 911.

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First permanent building readied for D&D

By Jackie Powers

Until recently, B991 was used for storing and shipping TRU waste. The last shipment of TRU waste left the building on Sept. 12, and Material Stewardship turned B991 over to RISS on Sept. 23.

The RISS Demolition team recently completed strip-out of loose items in the facility. Work is currently underway to isolate utilities and bring in temporary power. According to RISS Project Manager, J.R. Marschall, the building should be cold and dark by mid-October. Once the building is cold and dark, asbestos and beryllium abatement work will begin.

Two tunnels in the facility will also be permanently closed. The 996 tunnel is 600 foot long and houses the 996, 997 and 999 vaults; the 998 tunnel is 300 foot long and houses the 998 vault.

Piping and ducting have been removed from the 996 tunnel, the first four feet of the entrance foamed and the outer vault doors closed and locked. The building demolition schedule calls for closure and foaming of the 998 tunnel by the end of the calendar year.



Occupants moved into B991 in the spring of 1952.

Previous *Endvision* articles about the building discussed the urban legends surrounding it. One unfounded legend, according to Marschall, is that the building contained hidden rooms. However, none have been found.

Final demolition of the building is projected for next spring.

Site's 30th employee returns to first office



By Jackie Powers

Few of us can definitively say how many people worked at Rocky Flats before we started.

However, for Don Bingman, proof that he was the 30th employee on site was right at his fingertips. The former paymaster for Dow Chemical Company used employee numbers as an identifier in his payroll system – he was No. 30.

Bingman began his career with Dow in August 1951 while B991 (originally known as B91), the first major building on site, was still under construction. During his first months of employment, he, like others waiting for office space at the new plant, worked at the “Double A” building in downtown Denver. The building was located at 15th and Glenarm.

Rocky Flats' first employees moved into B991 in April 1952. Bingman remembers moving into the building and smelling fresh concrete. He and others responsible for the administration of Rocky Flats called B991 home until B111 was finished in 1953.

Bingman remained at Rocky Flats until July 1975, when he transferred to Dow Chemical's home office in Midland, Mich.

He would not step on site again for 28 years. On Oct. 3, thanks to Don Rolfe of the Rocky Flats History Museum, Stephanie Davis, Kaiser-Hill's Tours and Visits representative and J.R. Marschall, RISS B991 demolition manager, Bingman got his wish to tour the first place he worked on site before it was demolished.

He returned to payroll's first location in B991, remembered exactly where the cafeteria was located and lamented about how good the food

was back then. “Steak was served periodically,” said Bingman. “We had a wonderful chef who bought the best food he could.”

The tour of B991 included an area Bingman had never seen before – the 998 tunnel. From day one, access to secured areas like the 998 tunnel was on a need-to-know basis and, as paymaster, Bingman didn't have a need to access those areas. Special Nuclear Material (SNM) was stored in the tunnels until 1994 and in the vaults until March 2000.

“I'm happy to see the site reverting back to nature,” said Bingman. “I've seen Rocky Flats come full circle.”

declassifieds

Automobiles/ Motorcycles

1966-77 Ford Bronco tub, \$400. Richard, 303-978-1370.

1985 Nissan wagon, dark blue, original owner, will need tires for winter, 101,000 miles, dependable transportation, great gas mileage, \$1,300. Daniel, 303-466-0027.

1987 KX125 and 1981 YZ490 dirt motorcycles, \$1,200 for both, or best offer. Lisa, 303-430-9020.

1993 Volkswagen Fox, 4 door, 5-speed, silver, 100,000 miles, runs good, \$800 or best offer. Cynthia, 720-202-2363.

1994 Ford F150 4X4, Gold, 4-speed with granny low, Rhino lining, roll bar, chrome mags, price negotiable or take over payments. Rod, 303-940-9974.

1996 F250 XLT, diesel turbo power stroke, extended cab, short bed, dual tanks, white, loaded, excellent condition, must see, 92,000 miles. Vickie, 303-456-1180.

1997 Audi A6 Quattro, excellent condition, inside and out, current on all maintenance, 80,000 miles, pearl white leather interi-

or, remote start, \$14,500 firm. Nancy, 303-979-2179.

1998 Ford Ranger pickup, short bed, standard cab, 2-wheel drive, 5-speed transmission, air conditioning, new tires and windshield, utility topper with side doors and tool bins, 71,000 miles, \$5,800. Jim, 303-469-4535

1998 Subaru Legacy Outback, 84,000 miles, white, excellent condition, premium sound system, extra alloy wheels and snow tires, dark tint windows. extended warranty, very nice, \$10,400 or best offer. Jim, 303-383-6552.

1999 Jetta front-end cover, brand new, still in box, \$50, Greg, 303-359-4016.

1999 Harley Davidson Electra Glide Classic, fuel injected, 26,000 miles, sinister blue, excellent condition, \$16,000. Mark, 303-410-1268.

Miscellaneous

Sharp 10 in. flat screen TV, never used, ideal for dorm room, valued at \$700, will sell for \$500; treadmill, great condition, \$450 new, asking \$150. Dick or Dea, 303-466-5653.

RCA Big Screen, 52 in. with picture-in-picture, cable ready, \$800. Noreen, 303-989-3706.

DC antique radio, RCA model AR-813, \$50; 3-ft. x 5-ft. gate with hinges and latch, \$20; eight-gun oak cabinet with lower storage area, \$175; Gympac 1500 fitness system, \$30, Richard, 303-978-1370.

Radial tires, 2,000 miles of use, 185X60 IS with mags, 5 lugs, fits Dodge Stratus, Neon or 95-2001 Toyota Celica. Tom, 303-751-6077.

Spalding Cannon II golf clubs, 3-9 and pitching wedge, three metal woods and bag, excellent shape, make offer. Chuck, 303-435-8066.

Boy's mountain bike, 5-speed, 16-in. wheels, sharp, \$18. Dennis, 303-458-1547.

Hot tub, 7 x 8, excellent condition, 1-year-old, \$3,800. Angel, 303-470-1234.

King-size bed, like new, less than 1-year-old, \$950 or best offer; Tonneau cover for 94-02 full size Dodge, like new, \$175; Reese 15K fifth wheel hitch with all mounting brackets and hardware, \$225; JD LX 188 lawn tractor, 17 hp Kawasaki, 48 in. mower deck, hydrostatic

transmission, excellent condition, \$1,900 or best offer. Scott, 303-903-3204.

Precor incline sliding bench (like World Gym) exercise machine, \$100; Marcy recumbent exercise bike with timer, \$75, both in new condition. Lou, 303-664-1859.

Black & Decker radial arm saw, mounted on Dewalt solid steel cabinet with wheels, \$275 or best offer. Raymond, 303-456-1661.

Twin bed w/box spring, mattress, frame, oak headboard, linens and quilt, \$100; matching nightstand, \$20; entertainment center, 40-in. x 19-in. x 20-in. deep, 2 door, glass front, has several shelves for CD player/tuner, small enclosed cabinet at bottom, \$45; beautiful Canadian raccoon fur coat, ¾ length, size sm., \$275. Hank or Pat, 303-422-3216.

For sale by owner, 2.5 acre lot east of Brighton, covenants, utilities, five horses ok, ready to build, \$95,000. Harry, 720-685-7171.

Maytag Neptune electric dryer, still works great and in great condition, \$200 or best offer. Kevin, 303-926-1227.

Radial arm saw, table saw, 72-gal. salt water aquarium, near new furniture, lots of other stuff. Gary, 303-457-0346.

Soloflex exercise machine, all attachments, very good condition, \$350. Mel, 303-673-9294.

Wanted

Two to four Broncos tickets for the Sunday Dec. 7 game against Kansas City. Allison, 303-828-0723.

Declassifieds

- Only Rocky Flats Site employees are eligible to place ads.
- Please use the form at right to submit your ad. Or send your ad via e-mail to Jackie Powers, or via the Intranet (Home Page/News & Info/Communication Division/Declassifieds).
- Ads should be no more than 20 words.
- Check category in which the ad is to be included.
- Home phone numbers must be used in the ads, except for items in the Lost/Found and Vanpools/Carpools categories.
- Site extension must be included (in case information needs to be verified).
- Only one ad per issue (ads will not be re-run unless they are resubmitted).
- Ads for garage sales or personal businesses will not be run.
- Ads for real estate can be placed only by owners and will include the phrase "for sale by owner."
- No ads for guns/other weapons will be accepted.
- Mail or bring ads to T130B, Cube 80.
- Declassifieds are accepted on a first-come basis.
- Deadline is six working days before the desired publication date
- Employees who submit fictitious ads will be subject to disciplinary action based on company standards of conduct.

Category (check one)

- Animals
- Automobiles/Motorcycles
- Lost/Found
- Miscellaneous
- Trailers/Campers/Boats
- Vanpools/Carpools
- Wanted

Text:

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Home phone: _____

Site extension: _____