

# ROCKY MOUNTAIN ARSENAL

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## Meet Your Neighbor: The U.S. Army

Did you know that the U.S. Army owns and operates portions of the former Rocky Mountain Arsenal (RMA)?

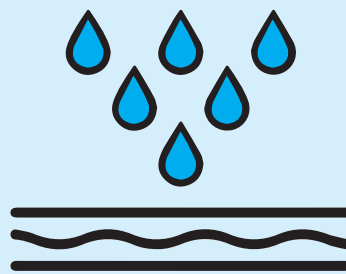
The Army and Shell Oil Co. completed the safe, successful environmental cleanup of RMA's soils and structures in 2010. Once state and federal regulators certified those cleanup actions were complete, the Army transferred nearly 15,000 acres to the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service to manage as a national wildlife refuge. The Army continues to treat groundwater at RMA.

The Army will permanently maintain roughly 1,100 acres at the site. In addition to the groundwater treatment facilities, those areas include two on-site landfills and two waste consolidation areas, which are now closed and hold materials from the former manufacturing days. The Army monitors those facilities to ensure they perform as designed. The Army oversees this work in cooperation with the EPA, Colorado Department of Public Health and the Environment and Adams County Health Department.

## QUICK FACTS



**4,932,188** pounds of materials recycled in former RMA Lab demolition



**658 million** gallons of groundwater treated in Fiscal Year 2022



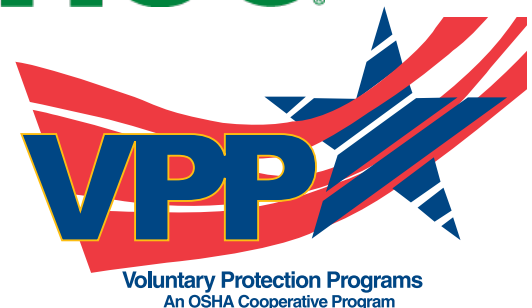
**4,824** days without a safety incident resulting in lost time

## Enhanced RMA Website Includes Bilingual Content

The Army launched an improved website this spring to serve community members interested in learning more about the former Rocky Mountain Arsenal. The website offers information in English and Spanish and is part of a larger site hosted by the Army Fort Carson Garrison.

RMA became a satellite component of Fort Carson following the successful completion of the surface environmental cleanup. Army and contractor staff continue to work at RMA to maintain the groundwater treatment systems, on-site landfills and waste consolidation areas. As part of the Fort Carson Garrison, the RMA program now has access to supplemental resources, such as training, data system management, purchasing and legal support, and more.

In addition to a Spanish-language section, the improved website also features an expanded RMA documents center. Search "Fort Carson Rocky Mountain Arsenal" to find us online, or visit <https://home.army.mil/carson/index.php/rma>.



## RMA Earns Two National Safety Awards

The National Safety Council recently recognized RMA with its Superior Safety Performance Award. The award honored RMA's exceptional safety record for the past 23 years. Three organizations at RMA have also been recertified for the U.S. Occupational Safety and Health Administration's highest workplace safety award. Called the Voluntary Protection Program (VPP) Star certification, the designation recognizes organizations for exemplary safety performance and leadership. RMA has been part of the VPP since 1999. (The Army and contractors Navarro Research and Engineering, Inc. and AECOM all received VPP Star Certification.)



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**Offpost Groundwater Intercept and Treatment System**

## Crews Removing Old Groundwater Treatment System

If you drive north of 96th Ave. along Peoria Street this summer, you may see crews demolishing the old Offpost Groundwater Intercept and Treatment System (OGITS). Owned and operated by the Army, the system has been used since 1992 to extract, treat, and reinject groundwater flowing north from the Rocky Mountain Arsenal.

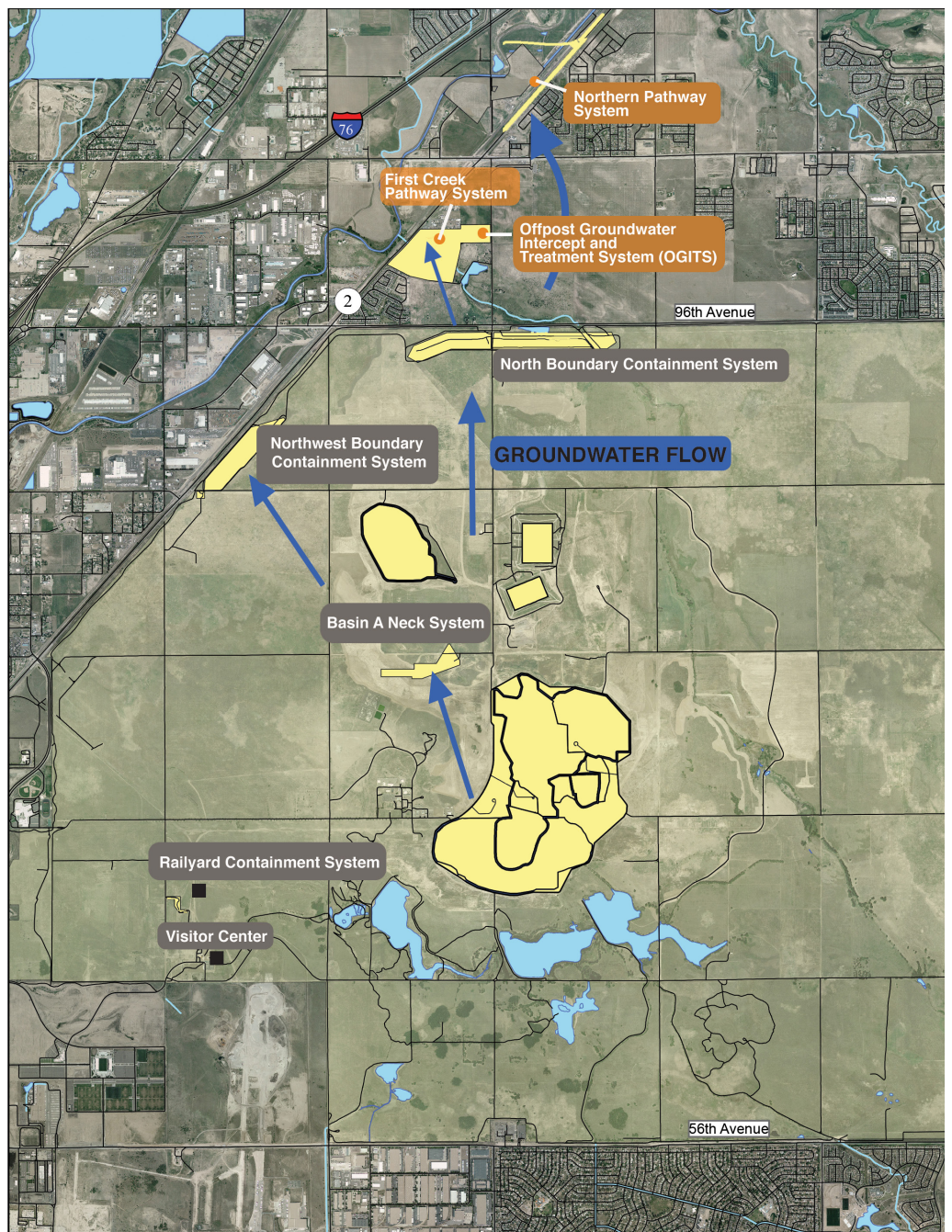
The Army replaced the OGITS in 2022 with two smaller, modernized systems (the First Creek and Northern Pathway Systems, identified on the map at right). Now that the newer systems are operational, crews will remove the OGITS and recycle or dispose of the materials. The demolition work will take place this summer. Groundwater treatment will continue until water leaving RMA meets state and federal standards.

## Demolition of Former Lab Building Completed

Almost 5 million pounds of scrap metal, asphalt and other materials were recycled this spring, following the demolition of Building 130. (In all, that represents 76 percent of the building.)

Known as the Environmental Analytical Laboratory, the building was used to analyze soil, water and air samples collected during the environmental clean-up of RMA. More recently, it had served as a storage facility for excess office furniture and equipment.

Since there was no further use for the building, the Army demolished it as part of a larger effort to reduce the Army's footprint at RMA. The site will now be used as an equipment laydown area.



**Former Lab Building Demolition**

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