



# 2025 Rocky Mountain Arsenal Five-Year Review

## *Fact Sheet*

### **What Is a Five-Year Review (FYR)?**

Five-Year Reviews (FYRs) are a comprehensive assessment of how the environmental cleanup program is performing and of how well it is protecting human health and the environment. During the review, a multiagency team evaluates if environmental standards that affect the site have changed in the past five years, whether the cleanup continues to protect public health and the environment, and whether the cleanup can be expected to remain protective in the future. The 2025 FYR, which covers the period from 2021 to 2025, will be the sixth completed for the Rocky Mountain Arsenal (RMA).

### **Who Conducts the FYR?**

FYRs are a cooperative effort. The review team includes members from the U.S. Army (lead agency), Shell Oil Co., U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment and Adams County Health Department. The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service will also provide input.

### **Why Is a FYR Conducted?**

FYRs are required under the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation and Liability

Act (CERCLA), which is more commonly known as Superfund. Under the Superfund Law, FYRs must be completed at sites where contaminated waste remains in place (landfills, disposal basins, water treatment plants, etc.). The environmental cleanup at RMA included placing waste into on-site consolidation areas and two hazardous waste landfills. RMA also has groundwater treatment facilities. For that reason, FYRs will continue at the site for the foreseeable future.

### **What Questions Do FYRs Answer?**

The multiagency team conducts a comprehensive review to answer the following questions:

- Is the remedy functioning as intended and as outlined in the 1995 Off-Post and 1996 On-Post Records of Decision (the documents that provide the overall framework and rationale for the environmental cleanup program)?
- Are the assumptions used at the time of the cleanup selection still valid?
- Has any other information come to light that could call into question the protectiveness of the cleanup program?

## **What Are the Components of a FYR?**

There are six components to the FYR process:

1. Community notification and involvement
2. Document review
3. Data review and analysis
4. Site inspection
5. Interviews
6. Assessing the protectiveness of the cleanup program and identifying any changes that need to be made

## **What Is the Public Involvement Process?**

As part of the process, the review team interviews community members before the FYR begins. The goal is to gather input from a diverse array of citizens representing the needs and perspectives of the surrounding communities.

During the interviews, community members are asked to respond to the following questions:

- What do you know about RMA?
- Are you aware of the cleanup at RMA?
- Were you living in the area during the cleanup?
- Do you have any personal concerns about the cleanup?
- Are you aware of any community concerns about the cleanup?
- How do you think the overall remedy is functioning?
- Do you have any additional comments, questions or suggestions regarding the cleanup?

- Do you have any other information that could call into question the protectiveness of the cleanup program?
- How would you like to receive information about RMA?

## **How Will the Team Formulate Its Conclusions?**

The conclusions for the FYR will be based on:

- Identification of issues and public concerns
- Recommendations and follow-up actions
- A determination of whether the environmental cleanup is, or is expected to be, protective of public health and the environment.

These conclusions will be reached through a technical assessment of the information collected during the document review, data collection, interviews, site inspection and other activities.

## **Will I Be Able to Review the Draft 2025 Five-Year Review Report?**

When the FYR concludes, a draft report will be published for a public comment period. The report will be available on the Arsenal's website at [home.army.mil/rma](http://home.army.mil/rma) (a link to the Five-Year Review will be shown on the home page).

If you prefer to review a hard copy of the report, it will be available at the following locations:

- *Anythink Commerce City Library:*  
7185 Monaco St., Commerce City,  
CO 80022
- *Denver Public Library, Montbello  
Branch:* 12955 Albrook Dr., Denver,  
CO 80239

### **Who Approves the Final FYR Report?**

The FYR process concludes with the preparation and delivery of a final Five-Year Review report to the EPA. The EPA then reviews the report and offers its findings.

### **How Can I Share a Question or Comment?**

Community members are encouraged to submit, in writing, any concerns or issues they would like to see addressed during the FYR. All public comments received during this process will be reviewed and considered in the final report.

Please submit your comments to:

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You may also submit your comments by email to [kelli.n.schneider.ctr@army.mil](mailto:kelli.n.schneider.ctr@army.mil) or by calling 303-289-0200.