

## RMA Celebrates Retiring Program Manager

Charlie Scharmann is retiring as Army program manager at the Rocky Mountain Arsenal (RMA) at the end of June. Scott Greene, an RMA environmental engineer with more than 30 years of technical, program management and staff supervisory experience, will serve as acting program manager until a full-time leader is hired.



*Charlie Scharmann, retiring Program Manager*

Scharmann began his service to the RMA program while with the U.S. Army Toxic and Hazardous Materials Agency at Aberdeen Proving Ground in Maryland. After transferring to Colorado, he became the RMA program manager in 2000 and assumed leadership of the \$2.1 billion environmental remediation program. In this role, he ensured environmental cleanup goals were met and built a nationally recognized safety program and performance record.

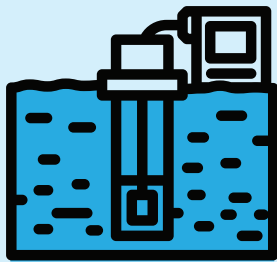
“It’s been a privilege to partner with the community, RMA and Refuge staff, and regulatory agencies to fulfill the vision for this site,” he said. “I’m proud of what we have accomplished together and of the natural space we have created for the community to enjoy.”



*Scott Greene, acting Program Manager*

Greene joined the RMA program in 2018, after working on some of the largest and most successful environmental cleanup programs in the country. During his tenure at RMA, he has led the interagency water team technical working group, served as the RMA Committee coordinator, and coordinated the 2020 Five-Year Review development and community outreach process with the regulatory agencies.

## QUICK FACTS



**52** off-post groundwater monitoring wells sampled in Fiscal Year 2023



**669 million** gallons of groundwater treated in Fiscal Year 2023



**5,189** days without a safety incident resulting in lost time

## Community Questions

**Q:** Is RMA a source of air pollution for the surrounding community?

**A:** No. The environmental remediation being conducted at RMA does not create air pollution. The groundwater treatment facilities do not produce air emissions, nor does the monitoring and maintenance of the two on-site landfills and two waste consolidation areas.

Although the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service conducts occasional prescribed burns to maintain healthy vegetation and reduce wildfire risks, the timing of the burns is coordinated with the Colorado Department of Public Health and the Environment to ensure air quality will not be negatively affected.

Prior to the completion of the surface environmental cleanup in 2010, the Army followed strict dust control protocols and

operated an air monitoring program to ensure on-site activities posed no air pollution risks to the surrounding community. The data showed that air quality at RMA was consistently better than in the greater Denver metro area.



**Workers take readings at former RMA air monitoring station.**



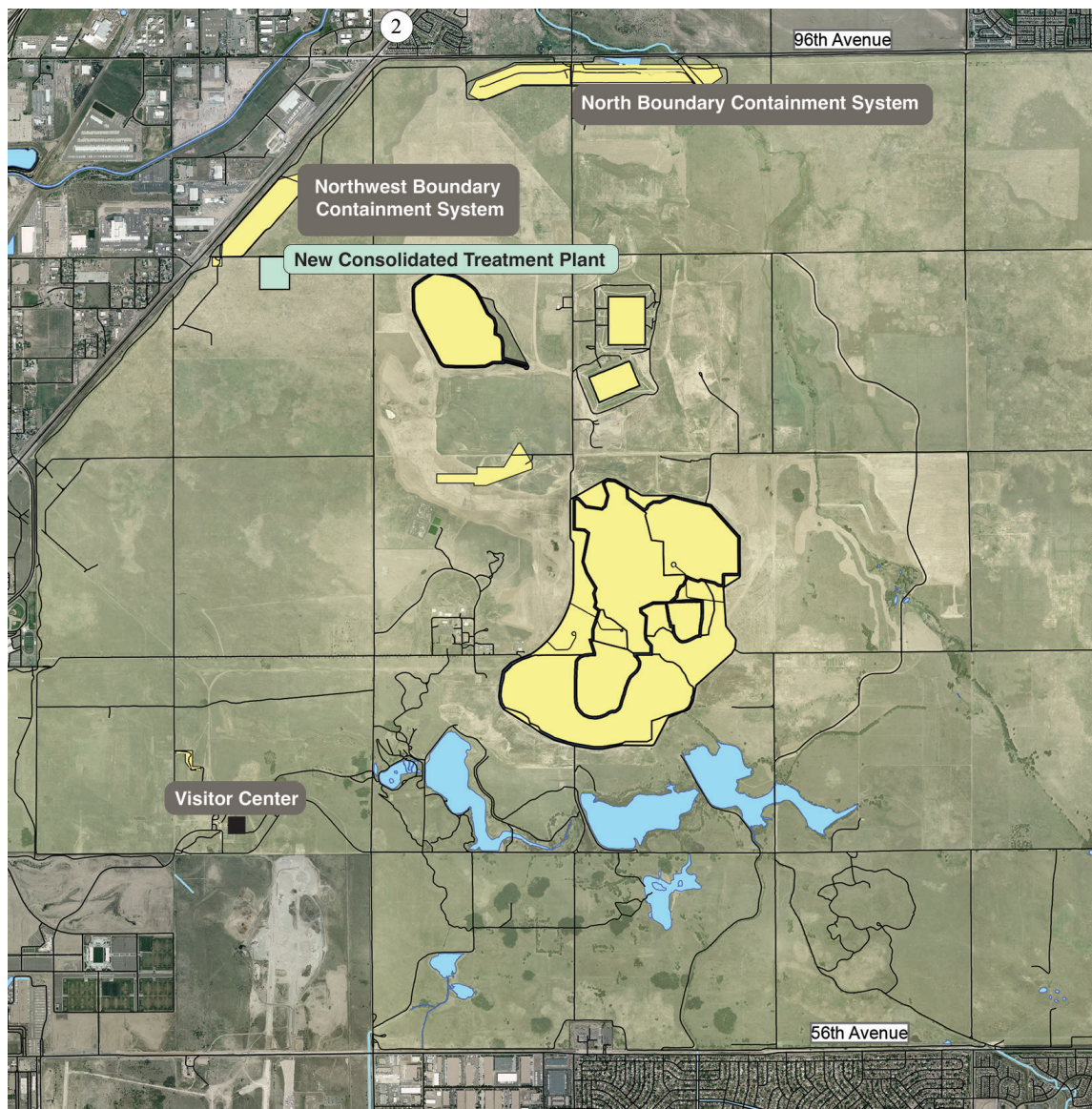
## Army Planning New Consolidated Groundwater Treatment Plant

The Army is planning to construct a modernized groundwater treatment plant at RMA to replace two existing treatment plants that are over 40 years old. The new system will improve the efficiency of groundwater treatment and allow for additional treatment processes in the future, if needed.

Construction is expected to begin in 2026, and more information about the plant's design will be published in future newsletters and on the RMA website. The new plant will be located just east of RMA's existing Northwest Boundary Groundwater Treatment System near the intersection of Highway 2 and 88th Avenue (see map at right).

The new plant will consolidate groundwater treatment from the North and Northwest Boundary Containment Systems into one facility. The existing

systems, which have been operating for 40-43 years, are nearing the end of their design lives and are due for modernization. Groundwater will continue to be pumped from the current groundwater extraction wells, and reinjected after treatment into the existing recharge trenches or wells (i.e., there will be no change in extraction or reinjection locations).



## Army Selects Primary Operation & Maintenance Contractor

Following a competitive process, the Army has awarded a nine-year contract to Navarro Research and Engineering, Inc. (Navarro) to support the ongoing operation and maintenance of the environmental cleanup program at RMA.

Navarro has supported the Army at RMA since 2012 and has established an exceptional safety and performance record. Under this follow-on contract, Navarro will continue serving as the Army's primary contractor. This work will include performing operation and maintenance of the remedy facilities, as well as supporting groundwater and surface water monitoring, quality

management, regulatory compliance and more.

Although most of the former Rocky Mountain Arsenal has been transformed into a national wildlife refuge,

the Army will permanently own about 1,100 acres at the site. Those lands contain groundwater treatment facilities, as well as two on-site landfills and two waste consolidation areas.

In partnership with the regulatory agencies, the Army operates and maintains those facilities to ensure the environmental cleanup continues to perform as designed and remains protective of public health and the environment.



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