



What Is a Five-Year Review (FYR)?

Conducted collaboratively with federal, state and local regulatory agencies, Five-Year Reviews (FYRs) involve a comprehensive assessment of the performance of an environmental cleanup program and its ongoing protectiveness of human health and the environment. During the review, a multiagency team evaluates if environmental standards that affect the site have changed, whether the cleanup continues to be protective of public health and the environment and, if it can be expected to remain protective after completion of the project. Three FYRs have been completed for the Rocky Mountain Arsenal Site, and the FYRs will continue to be performed for the foreseeable future.

Why Is a FYR Conducted?

The Superfund law requires a review of cleanup actions every five years at sites where contamination remains (landfills, disposal basins, water treatment plants, etc.)

Who Conducts the FYR?

Representatives from the U.S. Army (lead agency), Shell Oil Co., U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment and Tri-County Health

Department work together throughout the entire process to conduct the FYR.

What Are the Main Questions the Review Answers?

- Is the remedy functioning as intended and as outlined in the Record of Decision (the document that provides 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 involvement and notification
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 and solicits public input on the following questions before the FYR begins:

- What do you know about the Rocky Mountain Arsenal?
- Were you in the area during the cleanup?
- Are you aware of the cleanup at RMA?
- 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 your information about the Arsenal?

How Will I Know When the FYR Report is Available for Public Review?

After the review is completed, a report is prepared and issued for a 30-day public comment period. The report will be available on the Arsenal's website at www.rma.army.mil (click on the Five-

Year Review link) and at the Arsenal's Joint Administrative Records and Document Facility (JARDF), by appointment at (303) 289-0362. The comment period will be announced in local newspapers, on the Arsenal's Community Information Line – (303) 289-0136 and posted on the Arsenal's Web site. Interested stakeholders and community groups will also be notified. All comments received will be reviewed and considered before finalizing the report.

How Does the Team Formulate Its Conclusions?

The FYR's conclusions include:

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

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

Who Approves the Final FYR Report?

The FYR process concludes with the preparation and delivery of a final Five-Year Review report to the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency for its approval.

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**Where Can I get a Copy of previous
FYR Reports and the Draft FYR
Report for 2015?**

Previous FYR reports are available on the Arsenal's web site – www.rma.army.mil, click on the Five-Year Review link. The Draft 2015 FYR will be available once it is published. The documents are also available at the JARDF.

Who Do I Call If I Have Questions?

- Rocky Mountain Arsenal Community Information Line – (303) 289-0136
- Environmental Protection Agency Community Information Officer, Cynthia Peterson, (303) 312-6879