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## How is the public involved at Rocky Flats?

The public, including local governments, has been extensively involved throughout the cleanup and post-cleanup periods through public comment periods, working groups, oversight panels, a Council of Local Governments and a Citizens Advisory Board. A Proposed Plan, the basis for public input for the final decision, underwent a 60-day public comment period, which included two informational meetings and a formal public hearing. Currently the Rocky Flats Stewardship Council, which includes local government representatives and stakeholders, provides a forum for public discussion of post-closure issues.

The public is also informed of consultation among the Rocky Flats Legacy Management Agreement parties (the U.S. Department of Energy, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency and the Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment) and of certain maintenance actions. If maintenance actions involve the potential to excavate soil below three feet, then the public is notified at least 10 days before the action occurs. Public entities are also required to be notified of any exceedances of standards at surface water monitoring locations.

### Five-Year Reviews

Federal law requires that remedial decisions resulting in any hazardous waste remaining at a site must be reviewed at least every five years to assess whether the remedy is still protective of human health and the environment. The Central Operable Unit, where institutional controls are imposed, is subject to five-year reviews and the next will occur in 2017. The public is notified when this evaluation begins and when the review is available.