

Miscellaneous Structure Demolition and Removal, Phase I project in the Section 36 Boneyard (central portion of the RMA/NPL Site). Using state-of-the-art computer imaging, mapping technology, and software capability which had not existed previously, a comprehensive RMA-wide evaluation for the potential presence of ordnance and explosives as well as recovered chemical warfare materiel hazards was completed. The evaluation identified six additional areas for remedial action (none in the SDA) and concluded that the future discovery of additional sites with ordnance/explosives or recovered chemical warfare materiel hazards is highly unlikely.

In 2001, EPA conducted a four-part Denver Front Range Dioxin Study which determined that the concentration of dioxins at most of the RMA/NPL Site, including the SDA, is not statistically different from values observed in open space and agricultural areas within the Denver Front Range area. Therefore there is no significant health risk from dioxin in soil to future Refuge workers, volunteers, or visitors.

As required by the ROD, a Terrestrial Residual Ecological Risk Assessment was completed in 2002. This report concluded that no significant excess terrestrial residual risks will remain after the ROD-required cleanup actions for soil, including additional areas of excavation and tilling identified as part of remedial design refinement as required by the ROD, are completed. In addition, an aquatic residual risk assessment was conducted for the South Lakes, including Lake Mary. This report estimated risks for the great blue heron, shorebird, and waterbird and concluded that no remediation of lake sediments is required to protect aquatic receptors. Long-term terrestrial and aquatic biomonitoring will be conducted as part of the USFWS Biomonitoring Program.

Based on the extensive investigations and risk assessment performed for the SDA of the RMA/NPL Site, there are no further response actions planned or scheduled for this area. Currently, no hazardous substances remain at the SDA above health-based levels with respect to anticipated uses of and access to the site, which are limited under the FFA,

Public Law 102-402, and the ROD. Because the SDA is subject to these restrictions on land and water use, it will be included in the RMA-wide five-year reviews. There are no operation and maintenance requirements for the remedies implemented at the SDA. All completion requirements for the SDA of the On-Post OU have been achieved as outlined in OSWER Directive 9320.2-09A-P.

EPA, with concurrence from the State of Colorado, has determined that all appropriate CERCLA response actions have been completed within the SDA of the RMA/NPL Site to protect public health and the environment and that no further response action by responsible parties is required. Therefore, EPA proposes to delete the SDA of the On-Post OU of the RMA/NPL Site from the NPL.

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