



Colorado Rocky Mountain Arsenal

Facility and Location

The Army established Rocky Mountain Arsenal (RMA) in 1942, approximately ten miles northeast of Denver. RMA's mission was to manufacture chemical weapons such as mustard gas, white phosphorus, napalm, and incendiary weapons. Such weapons were used as a deterrent during World War II and the conflicts of the Cold War. After World War II, the Army leased manufacturing facilities to private industries and agricultural chemicals were produced by industry at RMA until 1982. Currently, no chemicals or chemical weapons are produced or stored at RMA. To date, RMA has transferred 13,312 acres to the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service and local governments, but retains jurisdiction over areas containing water treatment systems.

Media Sampled and Findings

Groundwater — Prior to 2007, 24 samples (two each from 12 wells) reported no detection.

Appropriate Actions

Not Applicable. All samples were below the EPA and DoD Preliminary Remediation Goal of 15 ppb.