



# Lincoln Park Citizens' Update

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## Public Meeting Scheduled for Thursday, November 14

Who: Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment and U. S. Environmental Protection Agency  
What: 1. To discuss draft sampling plan for plutonium, uranium, lead and molybdenum,  
2. To obtain public input regarding sampling locations  
3. **30-Day Comment Period on the draft sampling protocol – November 1 - December 2, 2002**  
Where: Fremont County Administration Building, Commissioners Chambers  
615 Macon Avenue, Cañon City  
When: Thursday, November 14, 2002, at 6:30-8:30 p.m.

## Update on Plutonium Sampling

On October 31, 2002, a public meeting was held to introduce draft soil sampling strategy to the community and get citizen input on sampling locations in the Lincoln Park Area. The meeting was held by the Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment at the request of concerned citizens in the community. Approximately 40 people attended the meeting including the Fremont County Commissioners, representatives from Canon City Parks and Recreation, the school district, Colorado Citizens Against Toxic Waste, Cotter Corporation and other interested people.

Representatives from the state health department explained that the sampling procedures would be similar to those approved at Rocky Flats. Tony Harrison, radiochemistry manager for the Laboratory and Radiation Services Division, discussed wind patterns and where contamination from the Cotter Mill would likely be found. He said that twenty (20) sites would be sampled in the area.

In response to suggestions from citizens, the Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment has agreed to sample **near** schools and **in** parks in the Lincoln Park area. Mr. Harrison asked for volunteers to help select sample sites because residents would have specific knowledge about the area. Ten people volunteered to help by serving on a workgroup. The workgroup will examine all the information available and recommend where the sampling locations should be.

The information the workgroup will look at will include - but not be limited to - requests from citizens, comments given during the comment period, wind rose maps and other technical information to evaluate historic patterns of the possible spread of contamination.

Before final locations are selected, a public meeting is scheduled for November 14, 2002, so the entire community has an opportunity to have input.

## State Health Department Hosts Meeting On \$1.9 Million Dollars Available For Natural Resource Restoration Proposals

As part of the **1988** settlement agreement between the State of Colorado and the Cotter Corporation, Cotter paid the state a million dollars for damaging the state's natural resources. These funds were deposited at the time of the settlement in the Natural Resource Damage Recovery Fund, an interest-bearing account in the Colorado State Treasury. The state has requested project proposals that could be funded by this money.

Currently, the Cotter Natural Damage Recovery Fund sub-account contains approximately \$1.9 million dollars. The money must be used to "restore, replace, rehabilitate or acquire the equivalent of natural resources" that were damaged

as a result of the Cotter Corporation's activities near Cañon City. Natural resources that

were damaged could include air, water, soils and biota. Natural Resource Damage Recovery Fund monies have been spent at other Superfund sites in the state on projects such as river habitat restoration, creation and restoration of parks and for purchase of open space.

The Natural Resource Damage Recovery Fund trustees will make the final decision as to how the Cotter Natural Damage Recovery Fund money will be spent. The trustees are:

- Jane E. Norton, Executive Director of the Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment;
- Ken Salazar, Attorney General of the State of Colorado;
- Ronald W. Cattany, Director of the Division of Minerals and Geology, to whom the executive director of the Colorado Department of Natural Resources has delegated his trustee duties.

In order to ensure that project awards reflect the wishes of the communities most affected by contamination from the Cotter mill site, the trustees have decided that recommendations should be made by a work group composed of three trustee

### Natural Resource Damage Request For Proposals

- Submission deadline - November 15, 2002
- Meeting: November 26, 2002 - 6:30 - 8:30p.m.  
County Administration Building 615 Macon Avenue
- Provide your input on the proposals for natural resource damage restoration.

representatives, as well as representatives of local governments in the area. Steve Rabe, the Canon City City Manager, George Overstreet from

Fremont County, Judy Calhoun from the City of Brookside and Rob Gilkerson from the Canon City Area Metro Recreation Park District are local members of the work group.

The National Resource Damage work group has solicited bid proposals from members of the community. Fremont County, Canon City Area Metro Recreation Park District and Colorado Citizens Against Toxic Waste have registered as proposed offerors.

## State Accepts 2001 RAP Annual Report

Cotter Corporation submitted the Environmental and Occupational Performance and ALARA Review Report for 2001, which includes the Annual Report, required by the Remedial Action Plan on June 28, 2002. The State found that the report contained inaccuracies and that items

needed to be clarified. After meeting with Cotter representatives and commenting on the report in writing, Cotter revised and corrected appropriate sections of the report and submitted them to the State. These corrections were acceptable. The report with corrections can be found in the Canon City Public Library.

## MEETINGS

Following are a list of meetings planned for the next few months.

November 14, 2002 6:30 p.m. - 8:30 p.m. at the County Administration Building  
615 Macon Avenue - sampling for plutonium in the Lincoln Park area.

November 26, 2002 6:30 p.m. - 8:30 p.m. at the County Administration Building  
615 Macon Avenue - Natural Resource Damage restoration proposals.

December 13, 2002 10:00 a.m. at the County Administration Building  
615 Macon Avenue - final evaluation of the Natural Resource Damage restoration proposals by the work group.

Spring 2003 - after sampling and analysis is complete, regarding the soil sampling in Lincoln Park another public meeting will be held.

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