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ROCKY MOUNTAIN ARSENAL SHIPPING WASTE TO FOUNTAIN LANDFILL

One of the nation's Superfund sites, the Rocky Mountain Arsenal, is planning to ship building demolition waste to the Fountain Landfill in the next few weeks.

The Fountain Landfill, a municipal solid waste facility, is located south of Colorado Springs. The facility is owned and operated by BFI-Colorado, Inc., and is certified to receive household, commercial, industrial and some pre-approved special (non-hazardous) wastes.

The buildings scheduled for demolition at RMA were constructed and used for chemical and munitions manufacturing and assembling, as well as housing and administration buildings.

In the mid to late 1980's, the structures sampled positive for asbestos, cadmium, lead, arsenic, mustard, DDE and other hazardous chemicals.

It is unclear whether these buildings have been decontaminated or how the demolition waste will be managed prior to disposal at the Fountain Landfill. The El Paso County Commissioners have asked written reassurance from the Department of Health before these wastes are landfilled at Fountain.

For further information, please contact the Department of Health and/or El Paso County.