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Senator Ken Salazar
702 Hart Senate Office Building
Washington, DC 20510

Representative Mark Udall
100 Cannon House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515

Representative Ed Perlmutter
415 Cannon House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Senator Salazar, Representative Udall and Representative Perlmutter,

On behalf of the Board of Directors of the Rocky Flats Stewardship Council, I am writing to voice our support for your request that the General Accountability Office (GAO) investigate implementation of the Energy Employees Occupational Illness Program Compensation Act (EEOIPCA).

Like you, we remain extremely concerned about ongoing delays former Rocky Flats workers have encountered in achieving just compensation under the EEOIPCA. The EEOIPCA is critical to ensuring that workers who have suffered as a result of exposures to radioactive and hazardous materials while working at Rocky Flats and other Department of Energy (DOE) facilities be compensated for their illnesses. The problems workers have faced throughout the DOE complex are particularly acute at Rocky Flats.

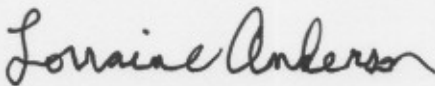
While GAO investigations can take some time, during which time workers entitled to compensation will continue to face great challenges and resistance from managing agencies, it is vital that you and your colleagues continue to identify the scope and reasons for the many delays and barriers workers and their families have encountered. Only by identifying needed systematic

changes in agency procedures can we begin to ensure workers receive just and timely compensation. For this reason we support this GAO investigation.

In addition to administrative changes, we continue to support legislative fixes including special cohort legislation. We therefore recommend the GAO investigation be expanded to include identifying whether legislative changes should be enacted and the scope of such changes.

The Colorado Congressional delegation's leadership on behalf of former workers has been critical and we remain committed supporting your efforts. Many of those harmed are our constituents and we support their efforts to receive just compensation under the EEOIPCA.

Regards,



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