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Dear Dr. Moore:

Thank you for your inquiry regarding the Rocky Flats Stewardship Council (RFSC). As you know, the RFSC is the Local Stakeholder Organization (LSO) for the Rocky Flats Closure Site, pursuant to Public Law 108-375. As such, the RFSC's role is to solicit and encourage public participation in the post-closure operations of the site; to disseminate information on post-closure operations of the site to other interested stakeholders; and to transmit without alteration or discretion any concerns and questions to the DOE. The LSO is not intended to be utilized by DOE to seek consensus or group advice from its membership nor to edit or filter comments received from stakeholders for DOE, as would be the intention of a federal advisory committee.

DOE, not the RFSC, is the responsible party for assessing and utilizing the information provided to LSOs. Thus, the RFSC is intended to function solely as an outreach tool of DOE to provide information to as many stakeholders as possible and to provide an avenue through which all members of the public may communicate with DOE, without edit or comment by the RFSC.

The LSO principles and responsibilities above have been re-iterated to the local Rocky Flats Site management to ensure that its continued relationship with RFSC is in accordance with federal law. We have advised that the RFSC post all comments received from the general public and all informational communications to the public on the RFSC website, with or without attribution as appropriate. We have also advised that public meetings must be conducted in a manner that public comment and feedback are collected, without edit or filter, and passed on to DOE. We believe these steps will ensure the open communication between stakeholders, DOE, and the LSO.

We greatly appreciate your interest in this matter.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Susan F. Beard".

Susan F. Beard
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