

## The Secretary of Energy Washington, D.C. 20585

May 12, 2006

Mr. Gernald DePoorter Chair, Rocky Flats Citizens Advisory Board 12101 Airportway Unit B Broomfield, Colorado 80211

Dear Mr. DePoorter:

I am pleased to take this opportunity upon the successful closure of the Rocky Flats Site to congratulate the Rocky Flats Citizens Advisory Board for their service to the Environmental Management (EM) program. On behalf of the President and the Department of Energy (DOE), I want to extend thanks to the Board Members, both past and present, for their valuable service to the DOE.

As an EM Site Specific Advisory Board, the Rocky Flats Citizens Advisory Board has provided advice and recommendations to the Assistant Secretary for EM on clean-up standards and environmental restoration; waste management and disposition; stabilization and disposition of non-stockpile nuclear materials; excess facilities; future land use; long-term stewardship; risk assessment and management; and science and technology activities.

The successful closure of the site would not have been possible without the efforts of the Rocky Flats Citizens Advisory Board. The successful cleanup represents a triumph of the spirit of cooperation and stands as an example for other similar projects around the country. The DOE is grateful for the valuable guidance and advice you have offered over the years. As citizen volunteers, you embody the best traditions of the American spirit, and it is with great pleasure that we recognize your service.

Sincerely,

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