

**Rocky Flats Citizens Advisory Board  
Recommendation 95-3**

**to the Department of Energy**

**Regarding the Proposed Closure Plan  
for Operable Unit Four, The Solar Ponds**

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With full consensus of its membership, the Rocky Flats Citizens Advisory Board (CAB) makes the following recommendation:

- CAB advises DOE that, if it chooses to use the proposed RCRA cap over the Solar Ponds at Rocky Flats, DOE should consider this project a means of providing interim containment and storage of the solar pond materials contaminated with low levels of hazardous waste and radionuclides.
  - CAB advises that monitoring be conducted indefinitely.
  - CAB is divided on whether DOE should include pondcrete and sludge in the solar pond closure.
  - CAB recommends that DOE have a design for groundwater remediation (phase 2) before beginning a closure of the Solar Ponds (phase 1).
  - CAB recommends that DOE develop a comprehensive monitoring plan before beginning closure (phase 1).
  - CAB recommends that DOE develop a plan to remove the solar pond cap and the contaminated materials under it before the planned conclusion of the interim period should it become necessary.
  - CAB recommends that DOE and the regulators be open to a better alternative proposal for solar pond closure should one arise.
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recommendations  
on cleanup plans for Rocky Flats, a former nuclear weapons plant outside of Denver, Colorado.

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