

**Rocky Flats Citizens Advisory Board  
Recommendation 96-12**

**to the Department of Energy**

**Regarding the Site Wide Environmental Impact Statement**

**Approved July 11, 1996**

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The Rocky Flats Citizens Advisory Board (CAB) is concerned that the Department of Energy (DOE) is considering not completing the Site Wide Environmental Impact Statement (SWEIS). On April 11, CAB notified DOE of its support for completing the SWEIS. This recommendation has not changed.

CAB has examined the options that DOE-Rocky Flats is considering regarding the SWEIS. As previously stated, CAB supports completion of the SWEIS. The Board understands that DOE has already spent most of the money required for this project. Cancellation at this point would not be financially wise. However, the Board feels that it does make sense to delay the SWEIS in order to make it consistent with the Rocky Flats Cleanup Agreement (RFCA), the Vision and the Accelerated Site Action Project (ASAP). Although we support the postponement, CAB strongly advises DOE to complete the SWEIS in its entirety as soon as possible. According to DOE, the period of delay would likely be from three to six months, placing delivery of a draft document in June or July of 1997. In endorsing this Option, the Board also stresses that it expects DOE to produce the document within the stated timeframe.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on this decision.

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The Rocky Flats Citizens Advisory Board is a community advisory group that reviews and provides recommendations on cleanup plans for Rocky Flats, a former nuclear weapons plant outside of Denver, Colorado.

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