

Rocky Flats Citizens Advisory Board Recommendation 97-10

**to the U.S. Department of Energy, the Colorado Department of Public Health and
Environment and the Environmental Protection Agency**

Regarding the NRC Standards and Rocky Flats Cleanup

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Dear Mr. Alm, Ms. Roberson, Mr. McGraw, and Ms. Shwayder:

The Rocky Flats Citizens Advisory Board (RFCAB) is aware that the Nuclear Regulatory

Commission (NRC) has issued cleanup standards regarding the closure of nuclear facilities. RFCAB is also aware that these standards, although not currently binding on DOE facilities, may be considered for use in guiding the cleanup of Rocky Flats. However, as you may have noted, RFCAB is not yet convinced of the adequate protectiveness of the currently proposed cleanup standards for Rocky Flats and has called for an independent review of these standards.

We are writing to inform you that RFCAB would not condone the application of standards to the Rocky Flats cleanup that would appear to in any way lessen protectiveness until the concerns over the adequacy of these limits can be resolved. It is RFCAB's desire, and principal source of concern, that the cleanup standards adopted at Rocky Flats provide the greatest level of protection to current and future residents. If the new standards are proposed for Rocky Flats based on the NRC rule, we would ask that they undergo the same process of an outside independent review.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

Tom Marshall
Chair

cc:

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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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