

Rocky Flats Citizens Advisory Board Recommendation 98-2

to the U.S. Department of Energy

Regarding Development of a Process for Improving Communication of Environmental
Monitoring Information and Data at Rocky Flats

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Introduction: In 1997, the Rocky Flats Citizens Advisory Board contracted with the firm Parker-Hall, Inc. to conduct an independent assessment of the environmental monitoring at and around the Rocky Flats Environmental Technology Site. This review included all media and all entities responsible for conducting such monitoring. One of the major themes expressed in the final Parker-Hall report on the study, "An Analysis of Environmental Monitoring at and around the Rocky Flats Environmental Technology Site," was that improvements need to be made in the way in which environmental monitoring information and data is presented to the community. Currently, the information and data is presented in formats that are not readily understandable by members of the public who do not have a technical background, but still have a significant interest in the protection of their health and the environment.

Recommendation: The Rocky Flats Citizens Advisory Board recommends that the Department of Energy enter into a collaborative discussion with the Board and the community on ways to improve the presentation of information and data concerning environmental monitoring for the site. The goal of this collaboration should be the development of readily understandable written reports that can be made available to the community on a periodic basis. The completion of the first of these reports should coincide with the release of the Integrated Monitoring Plan for Fiscal Years 1998 and 1999.

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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