

Rocky Flats Citizens Advisory Board Recommendation 98-12

to the U.S. Department of Energy

Regarding Control of Radiological Sources at RFETS

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Dear Jessie:

The Rocky Flats Citizens Advisory Board would like to bring to your attention its concern with the control of radiological sources at Rocky Flats. In its review of the Shift Superintendents Daily Summaries since the beginning of the year, RFCAB notes that incidents involving the discovery of uncontrolled sources have occurred on February 4, February 13, April 14, April 20, April 28, and April 30. RFCAB has also learned from current and former site workers that control of these sources is a long standing problem at the site.

Because of its concern for the safety of the workers at the site, and also because of a concern for the diversion of these sources from the site because of inadequate control, RFCAB asks that you place a higher emphasis on discovering and placing under control the entire inventory of radiological sources at the site. Under licensing provisions from the Nuclear Regulatory Commission and from those states which have the designated responsibility from NRC, regulated entities such as private industry, local governments, hospitals and academic institutions must maintain strict accountability for these radiological sources. Even though it currently enjoys self-regulation, DOE should not behave any differently in order to provide the maximum safety for its employees and to prevent these materials from falling into the wrong hands.

We ask you to act quickly on this matter and will await your response and plan of action to address the problem.

Sincerely,

Tom Marshall
Chair

cc:

Peter Brush, Acting Assistant Secretary for Environment, Safety and Health
Congressman David Skaggs
Senator Wayne Allard

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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