

Rocky Flats Citizens Advisory Board Recommendation 99-4

to the U.S. Department of Energy

Comments on Contract Renewal Negotiations
between the Department of Energy and Kaiser-Hill

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As the Department of Energy and Kaiser-Hill begin negotiations towards the final management contract for the Rocky Flats Environmental Technology Site, the Rocky Flats Citizens Advisory Board offers these thoughts and considerations.

A safe and effective cleanup should be the primary contract goal. RFCAB believes such a cleanup can be achieved by instituting the following considerations in the site management contract:

- DOE should seek to incentivize the contractor for using new technologies during the cleanup;
 - The contract itself should not predetermine the final cleanup for the site;
 - Maintaining worker health and safety should be given as much priority as meeting closure schedule goals;
 - Emphasis should also be given to maintaining an effectively trained workforce; and
 - Public participation goals should be included in the contract to ensure adequate time is given for public input into the decision-making process. Public involvement should include scoping activities early in the process before documents are developed and decisions made.
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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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