



**Rocky Flats Citizens Advisory Board
Recommendation 2004-7**

Comments on the Draft Rocky Flats Public Involvement Plan

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Letter to:

Ms. Karen Lutz
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Dear Karen:

The Rocky Flats Citizens Advisory Board appreciates the opportunity to review and provide comments on the May 2004 draft of the Rocky Flats Public Involvement Plan. We understand a revised draft is due later this summer and we reserve the opportunity to provide further comments on that draft when it becomes available.

With respect to the current draft, the Board offers these general comments:

First, there should be a general statement of purpose added to the beginning of the plan that answers the following questions. Why is this plan being written? What do you want the public to do? How and why do you want the public to become involved?

Second, the plan should more clearly identify how it ties in to an eventual post-closure public involvement strategy.

Third, the Board suggests language describing itself which differs from that currently found on page 13. Based on our current mission statement, the Board offers the following language:

"The Rocky Flats Citizens Advisory Board is a nonpartisan, broadly representative, independent advisory board, chartered under the Federal Advisory Committee Act, to provide informed advice and recommendations on the cleanup, closure and transition of the Rocky Flats site. The Board consists of a diverse group of citizens in the affected community and region. The Board provides timely, relevant advice and recommendations on key issues associated with Rocky Flats cleanup, closure and transition. In order to maximize citizen participation, the Board meets in the evening on the first Thursday of each month, with all meetings open to the public."

Fourth, the Board believes there should be more coordination of the specific activities and opportunities outlined in the plan. A master calendar should be included that provides a timeline for public participation opportunities. The calendar should provide anticipated dates for when early drafts of documents or plans might be available for informal review, as well as when and for how long the formal comment period will be held. It is important that adequate time be built into the overall schedules for these documents and plans and that they be staggered, so as not to overwhelm the public or those responsible for preparing the documents and plans.

Finally, the Board notes its appreciation that the plan recognizes the important role of all stakeholders, including the citizen stakeholder. We strongly

encourage the site to continue such recognition not only in this transition public involvement plan but for all post-closure plans as well.

Sincerely,

Victor Holm
Chair

cc: Audrey Berry, DOE-LM

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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