



**Rocky Flats Citizens Advisory Board  
Recommendation 2004-8**

**Concerns About Water Quality at Rocky Flats**

**Approved September 9, 2004**

Letter to:

Mr. Frazer Lockhart  
U.S. DOE-RFPO  
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Dear Frazer:

At the Board's annual retreat last week, Board Members discussed the continuing surface water quality problems at monitoring stations SW093 and GS10. We have also learned of high radionuclide counts in GS32 and SW027. The 255 picocurie-per-liter sample at GS32 is particularly alarming. The Board is extremely concerned with these surface water exceedances and is very interested in understanding what caused them.

To that end, we request that as soon as possible, the Department of Energy ascertain what has caused the exceedances of the surface water standard of 0.15 pCi/l at these two surface water monitoring stations. Further, while we understand that these stations are Points of Evaluation and not Points of Compliance, we nevertheless ask that the Site immediately return to compliance with surface water standards. Further, we request the Site provide assurances that it has taken steps to make certain this kind of event will not occur again.

The Board wants to be apprised of developments in this matter. Specifically we request that we be informed as soon as the cause of the exceedances is determined.

The Board also requests that any work on the A-Series Ponds and the B-Series Ponds be delayed until surface water quality monitoring shows a return to normal. We make this request because we believe (1) the ponds should be allowed to do their job of settling the contamination that is flowing into them without interference; and (2) it would be better to remediate the B-Series ponds after the contamination has settled so as to remove as much contamination as possible during pond remediation.

We value the partnership we have developed over the years with the Department of Energy and hope our comments will create opportunities for future dialogue.

Sincerely,

Victor Holm  
Chair

cc: Mark Aguilar, EPA  
Steve Gunderson, CDPHE

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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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