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Re: Draft *Environmental Assessment for Pond and Land Configuration of Rocky Flats*, dated May 2004

Dear Mr. Schassburger:

On behalf of the Board of Directors of the Rocky Flats Coalition of Local Governments, I am submitting this letter concerning the draft *Environmental Assessment for Pond and Land Configuration of Rocky Flats* (EA). The Coalition realizes that the public comment period has expired for this document. However, in the spirit of cooperation that exists between the Site, regulators and the Coalition, we respectfully request that you add this communication to the official record for the EA.

Although Coalition staff has commented on the draft EA, we would like to formally reiterate our position on a holistic approach to Site activities. Specifically, the Coalition is concerned that the EA, although mentioning the twelve Site ponds, only addresses environmental impacts to the nine ponds in the A and B series due to pond reconfiguration activities. If the Site plans on addressing the environmental impacts to the additional three ponds (C series ponds and present landfill pond) in future documentation, the future document(s) should be referenced in the EA. If future documentation does not address environmental impacts to the additional three ponds due to pond reconfiguration, then the impacts to the three ponds must be included in this EA. Without holistically examining all twelve ponds, it will be difficult to determine if the environmental impacts to the surrounding pond areas due to reconfiguration activities have been adequately characterized.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on this document and for your continuing commitment to work with the Coalition on the safe and timely closure of Rocky Flats. If you have any questions about the Coalition's comments, please call me at (303) 412-1200.

Sincerely,

/s/

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Executive Director

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