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Representative Mark Udall
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Dear Representative Udall:

We want to share with you letters we sent to DOE Secretary Spencer Abraham and Governor Bill Owens regarding the ongoing dispute with South Carolina officials over shipments of plutonium metals and oxides to DOE's Savannah River Site.

The safe and expeditious cleanup of Rocky Flats remains a key priority for our communities. As you know, with 29% of the project completed, Rocky Flats is ahead on schedule and scope, and is poised to complete the project by the end of 2006. Despite this success, over the past few months we have witnessed the unraveling of the plutonium metals and oxides disposition plan, one of the cornerstones of the cleanup plan.

The delay in removing these materials from Rocky Flats draws into question commitments DOE made to our communities to clean up Rocky Flats in 2006. We appreciate steps the Administration has taken to solve this complex international issue, including full funding in the President's budget. We however remain concerned that with the elimination of a disposal pathway for material slated for immobilization and delays in shipping metals suitable for MOX fuel, we are moving backwards instead of forward in cleaning up and closing down Rocky Flats in 2006. Additionally, as we noted in our letter to Governor Owens, it appears DOE is making decisions with little or no substantive accountability to our communities.

Thank you for your leadership on this issue and for continuing to press the issue until it is adequately resolved. We support your efforts and encourage you to keep pressing our shared concerns.

Sincerely yours,

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