

# Rocky Flats Coalition of Local Governments

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Barbara Mazurowski  
Manager  
U.S. Department of Energy  
10808 Highway 93, Unit A  
Golden, CO 80403

Dear Barbara:

The Board of Directors of the Rocky Flats Coalition of Local Governments is extremely concerned about the recent worker exposures in Building 771. The Board first learned of this issue at our monthly Board meeting on December 4, 2000.

These exposures and any unnecessary risks to workers during cleanup and closure activities are unacceptable, and the Board remains extremely troubled that DOE and Kaiser-Hill have been unable to identify the source of the contamination. We are likewise disturbed by the fact that an air sampler was not calibrated according to schedule, and that other workers may have likewise been contaminated.

The Board understands you have forwarded to the Department of Energy's Office of the Inspector General (OIG) information relating to activities in Building 771. While the Board does not know the content of the information that has been forwarded, including whether the information relates directly to the Building 771 exposures, the Board recognizes that health and safety concerns do not typically fall within the OIG's jurisdiction. Regardless of whether the OIG is the proper entity to investigate these exposures and related safety problems, DOE must vigorously pursue identifying the scope of the problem and source of the contamination, including the number of workers that were exposed and the level of exposure.

The Coalition requests you keep us informed about the ongoing investigation and all relevant findings. We cannot afford another incident.

Sincerely,

/s/  
Michelle Lawrence  
Chairman

/s/  
David Abelson  
Executive Director

cc: Tony DeMaiori, Rocky Flats Steelworkers  
Senator Wayne Allard  
Representative Mark Udall  
Representative Bob Schaffer  
Representative Tom Tancredo  
Governor Bill Owens  
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