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Lorraine Anderson, Chairman
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Dear Ms. Anderson:

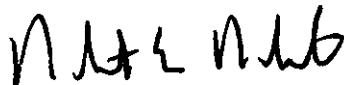
Thank you for your letter dated November 6, 2006. EPA appreciates your efforts and support in making the cleanup at Rocky Flats a model for other CERCLA projects. We agree with you that the collaborative approach between EPA, the State of Colorado, DOE and the local communities facilitated the resolution of many complex technical and policy issues at the site. From our perspective, it is critical that this collaborative relationship among all of the parties continue throughout the life of the project.

To this end, EPA is committed to maintain the same open dialog with the Rocky Flats Stewardship Council (Stewardship Council) and its individual members that has occurred in the past. The Agencies have agreed to meet with the Stewardship Council and its members on a regular basis. DOE is required to contact the regulators about changes in reportable conditions at the site. Subsequently, the agencies will inform the Stewardship Council and its members of decisions resulting from follow-up discussions between the regulators and DOE. If there are exceedances of surface water quality action levels at specified monitoring locations, the regulators and DOE will make sure the downstream communities are notified of those exceedances. As you requested in your letter, EPA commits to meet, as needed, with the Stewardship Council and its members to share the most relevant and up-to-date information. At a meeting with the communities last November 13, the above issues were discussed and we understood that these concerns about communications, which you voiced in your letter dated November 6, 2006, have been alleviated.

Finally, EPA thinks the concern you have about annual pond sampling has also been addressed as part of the Rocky Flats Legacy Management Agreement (RFLMA). As you noted in your letter, the CAD/ROD meets or exceeds stringent regulatory water quality requirements. RFLMA supplements the provisions of the CAD/ROD by requiring pre-discharge sampling of the ponds in addition to ongoing upstream sampling. We are confident that the combination of these two sampling regimes will provide the downstream communities with adequate data to make an independent determination to ensure the safety of the downstream communities is maintained. As you are aware, annual pond sampling was not a requirement of the 1996 Rocky Flats Compliance Agreement or the Integrated monitoring Plan (IMP), both of which were in effect during the most critical time in the site's history, during closure.

Again, we thank you for your diligent efforts and if you have any other questions or concerns, please contact me or Mark Aguilar of my staff at (303) 312-6251.

Sincerely,



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