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Department of Energy
Rocky Flats Field Office**memorandum**

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 REPLY TO
 ATTN OF PCD JJR 09394
 SUBJECT Health Consultation for Operable Unit 3
 TO Todd Jones, Office of Program Initiatives, EM-47, DOE/HQ

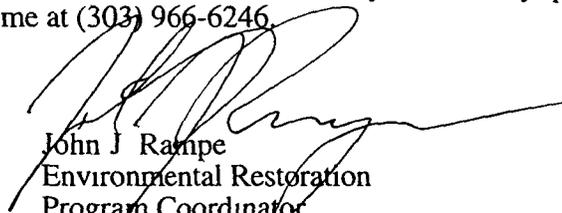
Per our conversation of August 20, 1996, the U S Department of Energy, Rocky Flats Field Office requests your assistance in obtaining a Health Consultation for Operable Unit 3 (OU-3) at the Rocky Flats Environmental Technology Site (Site). I understand that this consultation will be requested from the Agency for Toxic Substances and Diseases Registry of the Center for Disease Control (CDC), under a standing Memorandum of Agreement between DOE and CDC.

OU-3 is comprised of land and reservoirs located beyond the Site's boundaries, immediately to the east and southeast. RFFO has recently released the Final Remedial Investigation (RI) report and Proposed Plan for OU-3 for public comment. The Proposed Plan states that no further action will be required for OU-3, owing to the low levels of contamination there and the low risks posed by these contaminants.

Since OU-3 addresses contaminants that have migrated off of the Site, and since the public has expressed concerns as to the potential health effects of this contamination, RFFO believes that an independent review of the OU-3 RI report findings by ATSDR, in the form of a Health Consultation, is warranted. Specifically, RFFO would wish ATSDR to determine if the data presented in the RI report, and as interpreted in the Report's Human Health Risk Assessment, support the conclusion (as presented in the Proposed Plan) that no further action is necessary in OU-3 in order to protect human health from unacceptable risks. We ask that the Health Consultation focus on the Contaminants of Concern identified in the report, those being plutonium and americium.

The public comment period for the OU-3 RI report and Proposed Plan ends on October 11, 1996, and RFFO would like to have the results of the Health Consultation available prior to our anticipated Record of Decision (ROD) in December, if at all possible. It is our intent to make the results of the Health Consultation available as part of our response to public comments in the OU-3 ROD.

Thank you very much for your assistance in this matter. If you have any questions, or need more information, please call me at (303) 966-6246.



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