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George DiCiero, City Manager
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Dear Mr DiCiero

The U S Department of Energy (DOE) has reviewed your letter of June 7, 1989 in which you requested access authorization for certain City of Broomfield personnel in order for them to collect samples from ponds which could be released into Walnut Creek On June 8 and again on June 12, 1989, Broomfield personnel were permitted access to the plant in order to obtain the desired samples The recent sampling performed by your staff and the CDH should meet the request of your letter

Pond samples were also collected by the Colorado Department of Health (CDH) who announced publicly that no contaminants were present above concentrations of concern to public health The DOE will continue to have pond samples collected prior to and at the time of discharge from its run-off detention ponds in accordance with NPDES permit requirements Additional CDH samples were collected on June 13, 1989 which were split with Rockwell International

Since the Environmental Protection Agency administers the NPDES permit for the Rocky Flats Plant, authorizations for discharge are within their administrative authorities The DOE will, however, make every effort to work with the City of Broomfield during the construction of the bypass ditch Discussions with Mr M Thurber of your staff and Mr L McGovern of Rockwell resulted in an agreement in which Rockwell would release a closely regulated flow in order to allow only ditch wetting up to the point of construction The flow rate will be controlled by the plant's Environment and Health Department in coordination with the City's Engineering Department. This agreement is subject to EPA's authorization for release of water from the ponds and the necessity to release larger quantities of water if weather conditons so warrant, in accordance with our NPDES permit. At present, a rainfall exceeding three inches would be sufficient to overtop the spillway built to protect the embankment.

On completion of Broomfield's ditch which would divert water from Walnut Creek around Great Western Reservoir, we assume that you will no longer want to sample the ponds at the Rocky Flats Plant which discharge into Walnut Creek since pond water would no longer enter Great Western Reservoir

Questions concerning this response can be directed to Mr Ron Foster or Ms Candice Jierree of my staff at 966-2026 or 966-4888, respectively

Sincerely,

Ralph E. Reichner
for E. S. Goldberg,
Acting Area Manager

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