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Dear Mr Rehder and Mr Tarlton

The Department of Energy/Rocky Flats Field Office (DOE/RFFO) requests written approval from the U S Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) of the Phase I Resource Conservation and Recovery Act (RCRA) Facility Investigation/Remedial Investigation (RFI/RI) Report for the Woman Creek Priority Drainage Operable Unit Number 5 (OU 5), including the addendum to the report. The RFI/RI addendum was drafted at the request of EPA and the Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment (CDPHE) to clarify specific points that are outlined in the addendum. RFFO also requests that the CDPHE be consulted and concur with the approval of the complete RFI/RI Report as stated in Section 9, subpart B, paragraph 112 of the Rocky Flats Cleanup Agreement (RFCA). EPA and CDPHE staff have verbally indicated their concurrence with the RFI/RI report and addendum.

DOE/RFFO is in agreement that the Tier I exceedances discovered in three of the OU 5 Individual Hazardous Substance Sites (IHSSs 133 1, 133 2, and 133 4) and the time-domain electromagnetic survey area 2 are to be addressed in accordance with the Action Levels and Standards Framework within RFCA. Pursuant to Attachment 1 of RFCA, OU 5 without IHSSs 115 and 196 remained intact for closure based on the fact that it was close to completion. In light of the Tier I exceedances, OU 5 is not as close to completion and should be consolidated into the Buffer Zone OU. Due to the low risks associated with the IHSSs and the ecological sensitivity of the area in which they are located, these areas should be addressed according to their Environmental Restoration Ranking system sequence. The greatest advantage to this approach is that it allows a combined effort to address the Woman Creek watershed as a whole and reduces the impact on the watershed and habitats found there.

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