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Dear Gentlemen:

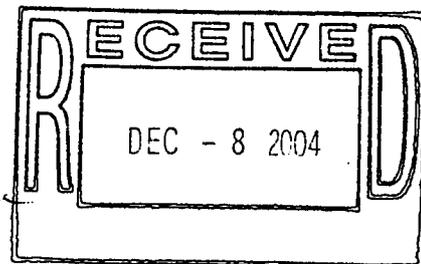
The Original Landfill Interim Measures/Interim Remedial Action (IM/IRA) is enclosed for your review and comment. As previously agreed to with the community, the public comment period for this document is 45 days.

The Original Landfill IM/IRA describes several alternative approaches for the accelerated remedial action. Briefly, the preferred approach in the IM/IRA proposes to regrade the surface, add grade fill and place a two-foot soil cover on the surface. A closely related alternative would add a buttress at the toe of the landfill for additional stability. The Rocky Flats Cleanup Agreement (RFCA) parties have met and discussed these two alternatives, and have not reached agreement on the technical sufficiency of the preferred alternative. This is attributed in part to several technical issues that relate to the stability of the landfill and the underlying native material. The resolution of these issues could influence the Department of Energy preferred alternative, including the potential to add the buttress to the accelerated remedial action. The RFCA parties do agree that these two alternatives described in the IM/IRA generally bound the range of preferred alternatives appropriate for the original landfill, and the RFCA parties are confident that, upon resolution of these technical issues, the selected alternative will be safe and protective of human health and the environment

Since the alternatives listed in the IM/IRA generally bound the most likely range of alternatives for the remedial design, release of the document for public comment is considered timely. That is, resolution of the open issues can be pursued in parallel with the public dialogue, to ensure all interests are considered prior to making a final decision.

Sincerely,

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