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**RE: DRAFT RESPONSIVENESS SUMMARY (RS), ROCKY FLATS
COMMUNITY RELATIONS PLAN (CRP), June 21, 1991**

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Dear Mr. Hestmark,

The Colorado Department of Health, Hazardous Materials and Waste Management Division (the Division), has reviewed the above referenced document prepared by DOE and it's prime operating contractor, EG&G. In general, we feel that DOE and EG&G have done a good job of responding to the concerns, corrections, and issues that were raised by commentors during the public comment period. Therefore, we recommend approval of this Responsiveness Summary for the Rocky Flats CRP

One issue that was raised in both the written and oral comments is the implementation of a citizens dispute resolution process. We would encourage DOE and EG&G, along with EPA, to either make an effort to formalize such a process or make it clear that no such process will be available. The response to comments on this issue make no commitments on when and how, or if, this process will be made available. The Division suggests that this issue be clarified for the public

Additionally, the responses to some comments do nothing to help clarify the issues in question. For instance, the response to comment 12, an issue that we commented on in the draft CRP, says that a complete analysis of the interviews is included in the Administrative Record. No information is included on how this analysis is filed in the Administrative Record, what the document is called, and how to find it. This information needs to be included. The response to comment 35 only grudgingly acknowledges that the releases of radioactive material may be much higher than DOE estimates. This is a very important issue to the public and a more thorough discussion would help

public understanding. Comment 46 indicates that the Jefferson County Planning Department has the data in question, yet the response indicates that another source, the Census Bureau, does not have it. Acknowledgement, in the response, that Jeffco has been called and consulted regarding their data is necessary. Additionally, if their data can be used, the Final CRP should be revised to incorporate it. Waiting for the revision in two years is not acceptable. These are examples of incomplete responses. We would urge DOE and EG&G to review the entire RS and to expand responses wherever necessary to completely address the comments.

If you have any questions regarding these matters, please call Joe Schieffelin of my staff at 331-4421.

Sincerely,



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