

EXECUTIVE ORDER  
 ROCKY FLATS ENVIRONMENTAL MONITORING COUNCIL

WHEREAS, the Rocky Flats Monitoring Committee has made important contributions to improving the public understanding of issues concerning the Rocky Flats Nuclear Weapons Plant;

WHEREAS, Colorado citizens are concerned and wish to be informed about public, safety, and environmental matters concerning plant operations, and

WHEREAS, new circumstances regarding efforts by the facility to conduct its operations in a manner that is safe to the public and the environment, as well as the changing regulatory authority of the State of Colorado, require revisions of the mission and structure of the council;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Roy Romer, Governor of the State of Colorado, by virtue of the authority vested in me under the laws of the State of Colorado, and with the approval of Congressman David Skaggs, DO HEREBY ORDER THAT:

There is created a Rocky Flats Environmental Monitoring Council, hereinafter called the Council.

I. The goals of the Council are:

A. To promote communication among the Colorado Department of Health, the Environmental Protection Agency, the U.S. Department of Energy, the contract operator of the Rocky Flats Plant, Rockwell International, and the public regarding current hazardous and radioactive waste management programs and environmental, health and safety protection activities at Rocky Flats.

B. To monitor and promote proper implementation of provisions of the federal Resource Conservation and Recovery Act and the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act, and other laws and regulations as applicable to the Rocky Flats Plant.

C. To disseminate accurate and objective information to the public about the effectiveness of Rocky Flats' environmental, health and safety protection activities and waste management programs.

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D. To monitor the effects of Rocky Flats Plant operations on public health, safety, and the environment, including reviewing risk assessments pertinent to environmental and operational activities of the plant.

II. To carry out the above goals, the council shall, within the constraints of available resources, undertake, but not be limited to, the following activities:

A. Through public forums, newsletters or reports, provide citizens with accurate, concise and understandable explanations of complex issues and information. Public forums shall be held at locations and times that encourage citizen participation.

B. Include representatives from various organizations, local governments, and individual citizens to advise and assist formally in council activities.

C. To assist public officials and citizens in understanding the implications of plant operations on public health, safety, and the environment, provide local units of governments with all relevant information on plant health, safety, and environmental programs.

D. Monitor and advise the Health Department and the EPA in carrying out their regulatory responsibilities at Rocky Flats.

E. Provide to the Governor and the representative of the Second Congressional District progress reports and recommendations on actions that should be taken to protect the environment and public safety and health.

F. Provide periodic evaluations and recommendations to appropriate state, federal and local public officials and to the Rocky Flats plant regarding plant programs and regulatory activities related to the protection of public health, safety and the environment.

G. Seek qualified expert advice on issues which may be beyond the technical capabilities of the council.

H. Establish liaison with the Colorado Department of Health, the Environmental Protection Agency, and the Rocky Flats plant to assist in gathering information necessary to accomplish the goals of the council.

III. The council shall be governed by the following:

A. The council shall consist of no more than eleven members, to be appointed by the Governor after consultation with and the approval of the representative of the Second Congressional District.

B. Members of the council shall include representatives of the public, technical community, and affected units of government.

C. Members shall serve two year terms, staggered at first, and may be reappointed.

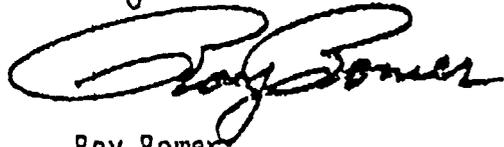
D. In the event of a council vacancy, the Governor with the approval of the representative of the Second Congressional District, may appoint a new member to fill vacant positions.

E. The Governor, with the approval of the Representative of the Second Congressional District, shall appoint a chairperson and a vice chairperson.

IV. This order supercedes any previous executive orders relating to a Rocky Flats Monitoring Committee.

V. The Rocky Flats Environmental Monitoring Council shall be reviewed not later than December 31, 1989, to determine appropriate action for its continuance, modification, or disbanding.

Given under my hand and the  
Executive Seal of the State of  
Colorado, this 25<sup>th</sup> day  
of JANUARY, 1988.



Roy Romer  
Governor

