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Dear Terry:

I am writing regarding our meeting of July 24 with Susan Nachtrieb from my staff and Jill Paukert of your Community Relations department in which we participated in your community interview process. We are pleased to participate in your efforts to improve communications between EG&G and the City. I would also like to thank you for your timely response in sending the City a copy of the Community Interview Plan and the Rocky Flats Plant Fiscal Year 1990 Site Specific Plan. I believe that our discussion was both informational and productive in establishing new avenues of communications. Your proposal of a bi-monthly newsletter is evidence of your commitment to keep the City informed of important issues in regard to environmental restoration at the Rocky Flats plant.

I would like to take this opportunity to review some of the City's concerns, which my staff and I feel warrant further effort on EG&G's part. As you are aware, the City is primarily concerned about the protection of its water supply, Standley Lake. Prior to EG&G taking over as operators at the Rocky Flats Plant, there was a serious lack of communication between the Plant and the local municipalities regarding the water management at the Plant site. Since EG&G took over at the beginning of the year, communication has increased tremendously, and I would like to commend you and your staff for all of your efforts.

However, there remain problems with timely flow of information to the Cities regarding the cleanup efforts at the Plant site. It has only recently been brought to our attention that surface water seeps have developed near the 903 Pad site. Because this site is tributary to Standley Lake, this is of great concern to the City, and we can't understand why this was not brought to our attention sooner. While we had not been informed about this serious matter, the Rocky Flats Cleanup Commission, a citizens group, knew of the

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problem. It is imperative that we be kept informed on these issues so that we can address questions brought up by the Commission and other citizens. We not only are unaware of the proposed cleanup actions at the 903 Pad, we do not have any information about the extent of contamination, the existence of the seeps, or when cleanup is expected. In addition to the 903 Pad, we are woefully uninformed about the status of the 881 Hillside cleanup, groundwater monitoring data, and the details of cleanup efforts. This communication problem must be remedied.

As we have included in public comments made by the City many times in the past, Westminster feels that the City must be involved in the cleanup process from the very beginning. We cannot wait until plans are released to the public for public comment to learn what cleanup actions are proposed. The local municipalities currently meet monthly with the Colorado Department of Health Waste Management Division to discuss general actions of the State regarding permit review and other activities of the State. However, these meetings are not detailed enough to tell the municipalities everything we need to know. Therefore, I would propose that monthly meetings be instituted between the municipalities and DOE and EG&G to keep the Cities informed about the cleanup operations. These would be similar to the water management group meetings which are held. The Cities have to be kept informed on the progress of the cleanup and this is not being accomplished by the current procedures.

Because of the seriousness of this problem, I would like to hear your thoughts on this matter. Thank you for your attention to our concerns. I look forward to working with you and your staff in the near future in an effort to rectify this concern.

Yours truly,

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