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Dear Mr. Todd:

We have received your August 28, 1992, letter containing questions about the future of the sharptailed grouse transplant on Rocky Flats Plant property. The draft environmental assessment (EA) for the transplant has not been completed and made available for review to the Department of Energy (DOE) by our contractor. Internal working drafts of the document may have been circulated within EG&G Rocky Flats for staff review and comment, but DOE has not received either a working draft or a draft that is ready for our formal review.

DOE has not decided against the grouse transplant. DOE has reasonable concerns about potential liability proffered by groups other than the State of Colorado if future plant operations in some way impact the grouse after they are transplanted. As we stated in our previous correspondence, DOE would like to meet to discuss the legal issues surrounding the transplant when the facts have been gathered into the draft EA.

We appreciate the maps and information that have already been provided to DOE in support of the transplant. This information has been used to present the project to our headquarters program personnel to gain concurrence on preparation of the EA. We expect that additional, more detailed information may be required to be included in the EA in order to evaluate the impacts of the proposal.

You have not identified the sources of the contradictory information you have received about the status of the EA at Rocky Flats, but we note that no direct contact about the project has been made with DOE staff within the last six months to get this information. We suggest that you contact Tricia Powell, who is the DOE staff person responsible for the project, at (303) 966-3260 when you need information about the project's status.

Sincerely,

James K. Hartman
Assistant Manager
for Environmental Management

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