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TO: City and County Planning Departments

FROM: Dr. Frank Traylor

RE: Development around the Rocky Flats Plant

As a result of continued discussion between the local government entities having responsibility for land use planning and the Colorado Department of Health, we would like to summarize the general understanding that has been reached.

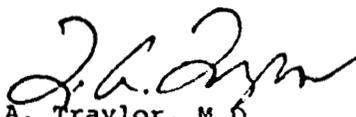
1. Authority for zoning rests with local government entities. The health department has the responsibility of recommending to various local governments what appropriate zoning plans should be made around the Rocky Flats plant based on health considerations.
2. An accident at the Rocky Flats plant might cause dangerous contamination up to a radius of approximately four miles from the plant.
3. Industrial development would be more appropriate than residential zoning around the plant because of part-time occupancy, no children present and the ease of communication for possible evacuation from industrial property. Agricultural use, because of its low density, and "open space" of course, would also be appropriate.
4. The Department has suggested lines around the plant which roughly conform with the four-mile radius. These are defined as Simms Street extended on the eastern boundary of the plant to a point one mile north of the Jeffco/Boulder county boundary. From this point, one mile west and parallel to Highway 93. The southern boundary is defined as the Rio Grande Western tracks from a line where it intersects the western boundary just described eastward to Leyden Junction. From this point, the boundary extends directly east along 82nd avenue to intersect Simms Street.

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5. The Colorado Department of Health recommends industrial development, agricultural zoning or "open space" within this area except for residential development already built or platted. The Department requests review and comment on any land uses proposed for this area.
6. The Colorado Department of Health will support, with documentation or testimony, the actions of local governments consistent with the above described plan.
7. The widening or creation of certain appropriate streets and roads for egress around the Rocky Flats plant will be supported by the Colorado Department of Health. By this, I mean an attempt to procure funds for these purposes will be supported by the Department.

If you have suggestions or corrections to the above, please let me know as soon as you can. It is our objective and the objective of the Department to be as cooperative as possible with all of the appropriate planning and zoning authorities so that rational land use can be accomplished around the Rocky Flats Plant.

Sincerely,



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