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Thomas M. Vernon, M.D.
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 Colorado Department of Health
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Dear Dr. Vernon:

Thank you for your letter of January 26, 1987 which outlines your department's role in the Rocky Flats' "burn" situation. We were pleased to read that you feel that you do have an oversight role and that you would do everything in your power to ensure that a trial burn or future burning of potential hazardous material would not take place until your regulations were met.

We are in receipt of staff comments prepared by the Jefferson County Health Department with regard to the proposed incineration at the Rocky Flats Plant. We wish to strongly recommend that your department not take a position on this burn until the concerns stated in these comments have been resolved. Since it appears that Rockwell has yet to deal with the mix and concentration of radioactive and chemical wastes that will be fed into the production incinerator, the public health impact potential remains in doubt in our opinion.

In any event, we strongly oppose any incineration of radioactive and chemical waste at the Rockwell without a certainty that no hazardous material will be released which will have an adverse effect on the citizens of our county. We strongly concur with the staff of the Jefferson County Health Department that a test burn is necessary, but feel that any test burn should not take place at Rocky Flats, due to the uncertainty of its results and impact.

Sincerely,

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

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bcc: Doug Ryan

I assume you will brief Chuck Miller on this letter.

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