

**Rocky Flats Citizens Advisory Board
Recommendation 97-1**

to the U.S. Department of Energy

Regarding the Rocky Flats Community Needs Assessment

Approved March 3, 1997

March 25, 1997

Secretary Federico Peña
U.S. Department of Energy
1000 Independence Avenue SW
Washington, DC 20585

Dear Secretary Peña:

The Rocky Flats Citizens Advisory Board (RFCAB) commends the Department of Energy (DOE) for funding the Rocky Flats Community Needs Assessment (RFCNA). In particular, we congratulate Dr. Robert Goldsmith and Mr. Carl Quong for continuing to hold the interests and concerns of the community as an important consideration as the Rocky Flats Environmental Technology Site (RFETS) undergoes cleanup.

Following is the text of a recommendation approved by consensus by RFCAB at its February 6, 1997 meeting:

RFCAB recommends that DOE-HQ and DOE-RFFO enter into a partnership with RFETS stakeholders regarding how best to address the findings of the RFCNA. We recommend that RFCAB convene and oversee this process in cooperation with other public involvement activities concerning the site. The Board recommends that DOE-HQ work with RFCAB's Health Committee to develop a methodological handbook for community needs assessments that could be used by the other sites.

Again, we thank DOE for its commitment to funding the RFCNA. We would appreciate your response to this recommendation by April 25, 1997.

Sincerely,

Tom Marshall, Chair
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The Rocky Flats Citizens Advisory Board is a community advisory group that reviews and provides recommendations on cleanup plans for Rocky Flats, a former nuclear weapons plant outside of Denver, Colorado.

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