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National Environmental Policy Act Determination for Remedial Action at Operable Unit 2

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Rocky Flats Office (RFO) anticipates that preparation of the Feasibility Study/Corrective Measures Study (FS/CMS) for Operable Unit 2 (OU 2) will begin in FY94. In order to integrate National Environmental Policy Act analysis into the FS/CMS, RFO needs to have a determination of the appropriate level of NEPA analysis to include. The possible remedial actions, as described in the attached project description, cannot be categorically excluded and are not listed in Appendix C of Subpart D of the NEPA regulations at 10 CFR 1021. Therefore, RFO cannot make a determination of the level of NEPA documentation to integrate into the FS/CMS.

The remedial actions described in the attachment represent the upper range of actions that might be taken in the final remedy at OU2. The removal of contaminated surface soil and subsurface soil has the greatest likelihood to cause significant environmental impact. If this upper range of actions were to be taken at OU2, we believe that a Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI) may not be able to be issued. However, we believe that a FONSI could be issued for the likely action at OU2, involving *in situ* treatment for the subsurface soils and volume reduction technologies for the surface soil.

Please provide RFO with a NEPA determination within 60 days so that the appropriate level of work can be planned for.

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Attachment

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