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We at the Rocky Flats Cleanup Commission have undertaken a preliminary review of the 903 PAD Workplan, as this Operating Unit is the upcoming cleanup site to be focused on after the 881 Hillside activities and plans are more completely underway.

In reviewing the workplan currently on file at the USEPA library, there appeared to be some discrepancy in the information presented. After checking we discovered that the RFOC was given outdated documents to review at our office. Although we discussed this verbally with you, we felt it would be appropriate to document this and request in writing that the updated documents relating to the CERCLA activities be sent to the RFOC office on Wynkoop.

There was a serious technical issue that has come to light in the course of the review of the 903 Workplan. There has been a serious problem with "seeps", or seepage of radionuclides from the 903 Pad in surface water that apparently is exacerbated during the Spring rainy season. After much discussion in our Board Meeting, we felt it necessary to write to urge the D.O.E. and E.G. & G. to make a decision as soon as possible on how they can undertake treatability studies so this spread of contaminants can be ameliorated asap.

In light of the Soil Decontamination RFF report #2901, and others, we are very concerned about the nature of this radionuclide seeps problem. If there is a great possibility that greater than 50% of the radioactive contamination in this area is in a dispersed form less than .01 microns in size, is it expected that this represents a dissolved fraction, particle form, some perhaps in a colloid form (unlikely as too small)? We are most anxious that this particular problem be focused on, with treatability studies addressing this problem. We look forward to your earliest response.

Very Truly Yours,

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