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RE: Rocky Flats Legacy Management Agreement – Proposed Removal of Terminal Ponds and New Surface Water Monitoring and Compliance Points

Dear Messrs. Geiser, Martin and Baughman,

Jefferson County Public Health appreciates the opportunity to comment on the proposed removal of the terminal ponds and the points of compliance. At this time we feel that the removal of these features is premature. While we appreciate the efforts of the Department of Energy – Office of Legacy Management (DOE-LM) to control the costs related to the operation and maintenance of these features, we are of the opinion that a sound public health case for the removal of these features has not been made. While not part of the final remedy, it is our understanding that these features serve in some manner to protect human health and the environment of the communities located downstream of Rocky Flats.

Until the DOE-LM can clearly demonstrate with a long term record of compliance that they can consistently meet the performance standards set for the off-site migration of the contaminants of concern, we request that the terminal ponds A-4, B-5, C-2, and the present Landfill Pond be retained and that the existing point of compliance and enforcement standards be maintained. We request that the terminal dams be safely operated and maintained in a manner that protects the

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downstream communities. And finally, we request that the DOE-LM adhere to the conditions set forth in the Environmental Covenants held by the Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment for this property.

Sincerely,



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