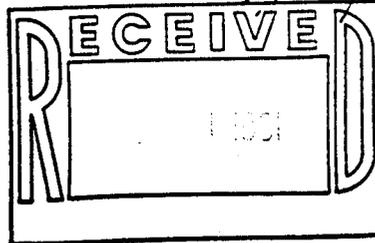




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ADMIN RECORD

Dear Mr. Wilson:

Recently, you discussed with my staff your desire that the U.S. Department of Energy, Rocky Flats Office institute a formal policy for discharge of water from its terminal ponds to the diversion ditches maintained by the City of Broomfield. You also expressed a concern that samplers from the City were encountering unneeded difficulty in accessing the sampler operated by the City within the boundaries of the Plant. The purpose of this letter is to respond to your concerns in these regards, and to address them insofar as we are able.

Regarding instituting a formal procedure for discharge of water from our terminal ponds, we believe that for the most part your suggestions are reasonable and readily implementable. Specifically, we will provide your staff with the following:

- Forty-eight hour advance notice of our intent to discharge to allow your staff the opportunity to sample prior to release. In cases where dam safety precludes our ability to safely provide 48-hour advance notice, we will provide as timely a notification as possible under the circumstances.
- All information relevant to the discharge, including the ponds being discharged, the levels of the ponds, and the anticipated release rate. We will provide you with our best estimate of the amount of time we anticipate any given discharge to last, although such estimates may vary from the actual duration of discharge, since intervening weather conditions greatly affect the length of time necessary to drain the terminal ponds. We will also provide advance notice to your staff prior to discontinuing discharge.
- Contact persons for questions regarding discharges. The U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) contact for such questions is John Rampe, who may be reached at 966-6246 (w) or 986-7950 (h). Mr. Rampe may also be reached via pager by dialing 966-4000 and entering pager number 3615. The secondary contact for DOE in this regard is Mark Van Der Puy, who may be reached at 966-2473 (w) or 465-5504 (h). We believe that these numbers will suffice as emergency numbers, per your request. Since we have, in the past, encountered difficulty in reaching your staff to notify them of changes in our discharge regime, we request that you provide us with two contact persons from the City that we will be able to reach when needed.

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As regards the difficulty that your staff has encountered in obtaining access to the site for sampling purposes, we apologize for any unneeded difficulties that they may have encountered. We have instructed our security personnel to maintain a list of persons that will be granted access on a regular basis to the sampler on Walnut Creek maintained by the City, and to keep this list on hand at the Plant's East and West gates. We have also asked our contractors to attempt to be more responsive in escorting your staff on site for sampling of our terminal ponds, in order to avoid delays that have been encountered by your staff while waiting for escorts. In these regards, we request that you transmit to us a list of names and social security numbers of those persons you foresee as having a need to access the Plantsite for sampling purposes. Although we realize that your staff has been performing on-site monitoring for some time, we wish to assure that all your staff with legitimate need for Plant access are accommodated, and that the possibility of unnecessary delays is minimized. We also note that the current list of Broomfield personnel authorized for access to the sampler expires on February 4, 1990, and will need to be updated in any case.

Finally, you expressed concern that the City's padlock on the gate outside the Walnut Creek sampler was no longer operative since that gate was now locked with an additional padlock. We have brought this matter to the attention of our security personnel, and they have told us that they will make every effort to assure that the gate in question will be accessible to City of Broomfield sampling personnel, using the City's padlock and key. To ensure that the gate is padlocked correctly, we will have our security staff accompany your samplers on their initial sampling.

We hope that this letter addresses the concerns you transmitted to us; we are available to meet with you if you have any further questions or concerns. Please feel free to contact Mr. Tom Lukow of my staff at 966-4561.

Sincerely


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