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Ms. Barbara Sudler
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Dear Ms. Sudler:

A Class II survey for archeological and historic resources will be conducted at the U.S. Department of Energy's Rocky Flats Plant during the summer of 1988. This survey will cover all lands at the plant site. The investigation is being conducted in conformance with the requirements of the National Historical Preservation Act of 1966 as implemented in accordance with 36 CFR 800 and with the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) of 1969 as implemented in 40 CFR 1500. Mr. Tim Green and Ms. Karen Patterson of your staff have been consulted regarding this project.

Several cleanup actions are planned for the fall of 1988 and NEPA documentation is being prepared for those actions at the present time. This cleanup will occur in areas that have been disturbed numerous times over the past 35 years. Disturbance has included burial of wastes, destruction of lithium metal, and extensive removal of contaminated soil. The planned survey for archaeological and historic sites will not be completed in time to evaluate impacts to potential resources. Due to the heavy disturbance, it is unlikely that any potential sites exist in these cleanup areas. Mr. Green and Ms. Patterson informally concurred with this finding. A U.S.G.S. topographic quadrangle locating the sites is enclosed.

The U.S. Department of Energy is requesting an opinion from your office that, for those limited areas delineated on the map, due to extensive past disturbance, no useful or important cultural resource sites are likely to exist in the delineated area.

Please note that the planned survey will cover the entire plant site and buffer zone and a final report will be prepared by late summer or early fall of 1988. All future disturbance will be covered by this evaluation.

If you have any questions, please contact Ms. Candice Jierree of my staff at 303-966-4888.

Sincerely,
Original Signed By
ALBERT E. WHITEMAN

Albert E. Whiteman
Area Manager

Enclosure

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