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Dear Mr. Salazar, Mr. Udall and Mr. Perlmutter:

The Advisory Board on Radiation and Worker Health would like to acknowledge your letter of January 9, 2007. We appreciate your ongoing interest in the Energy Employees Occupational Illness Compensation Program Act as it relates to claimants from the Rocky Flats Plant.

We are writing to inform you of the status of the deliberations of our Rocky Flats Work Group and of action taken during the January 11 conference call of the Board. The Rocky Flats Work Group has been working diligently with the Board's contractor, SC&A, with NIOSH, and with the Rocky Flats SEC petitioners to address and resolve issues concerning the Rocky Flats Site Profile and related issues. As you know, we had hoped to complete this effort in time for our February meeting (scheduled for Denver) so as to take formal action on the petition for SEC status. Work Group Chairman Mark Griffon informed the Board during the January 11 conference call that in order to give all parties sufficient time to review and evaluate the most recent documents, some of which are not yet completed, it would be prudent to reschedule action on the Rocky Flats petition until our May meeting. In addition, the Board is aware from your letter that you are also recommending that action not be taken until the two recently announced new members of the Board are officially seated. After taking all these factors into consideration, the Board formally voted to reschedule action on the Rocky Flats petition to the May 2007, meeting, and to hold that May meeting in Denver. Representatives of the Rocky Flats SEC petition who were present on the conference call indicated that they also concurred with this action.

Sincerely,

Paul L. Ziemer, Chairman