Department of Energy

Washington, DC 20585

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The Honorable John T. Conway Chairman Defense Nuclear Facilities Safety Board 625 Indiana Avenue, NW, Suite 700 Washington, D.C. 20004-2901

Dear Mr. Chairman:

With this letter, I am pleased to report completion of an overdue commitment from the Department's 2000-1 Implementation Plan, Stabilization and Storage of Nuclear Material. The closure package for this commitment is enclosed. The following commitment is proposed for closure:

304 Start packaging metal or oxide into 3013 containers at Rocky Flats - March 2001

Packaging of plutonium metal commenced on June 14, 2001.

We will continue to closely track progress on all Recommendation 2000-1 commitments and will keep you and your staff apprised of our progress. If you have any questions, please contact me or have your staff call me on (202) 586-5151.

Sincerely,

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Enclosure

cc w/ enclosure: M. Whitaker, S-3.1



ROCKY FLATS FIELD OFFICE WEEKLY REPORT

June 20, 2001

I. Schedule

- 6/18-25 Barbara Mazurowski is on annual leave. Paul Golan is acting manager.
- 7/16-19 Barbara Mazurowski will travel to Washington, D.C. for the field managers' meeting and Human Capital Summit. Paul Golan will be acting manager.

II. Key Departmental News

III. Upcoming Events or Matters of Secretarial Interest (7-day advance)

National Conference of State Legislatures, Legislative Roundtable Discussion on Rocky Flats: Rocky Flats is supporting the June 27-28 conference with speakers and a tour. The conference will focus on environmental cleanup issues related to Rocky Flats. The intent of the roundtable is provide legislators with balanced information and a variety of perspectives on closure activities, environmental restoration and long-term stewardship activities. Legislators from Colorado, Nevada, Idaho, New Mexico, Georgia, South Carolina and Washington will attend.

Media Interest: Media attention is anticipated.

DOE Contact: Karen Luiz, 303-966-4546

VI. Work on Scoretarial Initiatives

Accelerated Closure

Plutonium Stabilization and Operations System (PuSPS) Status (Rocky Flats): Rocky Flats started operation of the PuSPS n June 14 and completed one 3013 container package. Operations resumed on June 19; the site is planning on packaging two containers each day June 19-21. DOE Contact: Daye Hicks, 303-966-3122

Shipments of Transuranic Wastes from the Rocky Flats Environmental Technology Site (Site) to the Waste Isolation Pilot Plant: The Site completed four shipments during the week of June 11. Five shipments are scheduled for the week of June 18. DOE Contact: Lam Xuan, (303) 966-3135

- V. Press Inquiries
- VI. FOIA Requests
- VII. Grants, Economic Announcements and Publications

VIII. Climate Change

IX. Disaster Assistance

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