



## Department of Energy

Washington, DC 20585

July 30, 1999

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 on-schedule completion of one of the commitments found in the Department's 94-1 Implementation Plan. The closure package for this commitment, as described in the Department's interface manual, *Interface with the Defense Nuclear Facilities Safety Board* (DOE M 140.1-1A), is enclosed. The following commitment is proposed for closure:

301 Complete draining and processing all B 371 liquids - June 1999

We continue to closely track progress on all Recommendation 94-1 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,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "David G. Huizenga".

David G. Huizenga  
Acting Deputy Assistant Secretary for  
Nuclear Materials and Facility Stabilization  
Office of Environmental Management

Enclosure

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



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## ROCKY FLATS FIELD OFFICE WEEKLY REPORT

June 30, 1999

### I. Schedule

Jessie Roberson is scheduled for annual leave from July 1-9, 1999. David Lowe will be acting.

**Name:** Jessie Roberson

**Event:** Welcoming remarks: Partners for Progress II Conference

**Location:** Denver, CO

**Date:** July 13, 1999

### II. Key Departmental News

#### Emerging Issue

**Enforcement Action Expected for Building 374 Compliance Advisory (Rocky Flats):** The Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment (CDPHE) issued a Compliance Advisory to Kaiser-Hill Company, L.L.C., Rocky Mountain Remediation Services, Inc., and the Rocky Flats Field Office on July 7, 1998, based on an inspection after a small spill of mixed waste on the loading dock of Building 374. All actions in response to the Compliance Advisory were completed last year, except for draining Tank D-812, which cannot be drained as planned. CDPHE has agreed for the time being that draining may be deferred. We expect an enforcement action to be taken by CDPHE in the near future based on the deficiencies identified in the Compliance Advisory. We understand that CDPHE will issue a proposed consent order but details are not yet known.

**Media Interest:** Not at this time. May be when order is issued.

**DOE Contact:** R. DiSalvo, 303-966-4765

### III. Work on Secretarial Initiatives

#### Accelerated Closure of Sites

**Building 886 Highly Enriched Uranium Tank Removal (Rocky Flats):** The waste generated as much as nine months ago has been counted. The safeguards inventory for April was subsequently completed satisfactorily. Work to remove the tanks will now proceed and is projected to take about six weeks.

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**Building 371 Actinide Solutions (Rocky Flats):** The processing through the Caustic Waste Treatment System of all actinide solutions from Building 371 tap and drain was completed on June 28. This meets the Defense Nuclear Facilities Safety Board milestone to complete this activity by June 30.

**IV. Press Inquiries**


**V. FOIA Requests**

**Request for Employment Information (Rocky Flats):** FOIA Request No. RF99-023, was received on June 29 from three individuals. They are seeking copies and/or information on 11 specific items which pertain to retention bonuses, awards, promotions, buy-outs, employment statistics and equal employment opportunity statistics by gender since 1990 at RFFO.

**VI. Grants, Economic Announcements and Publications**

**VII. Climate Change**

**VIII. Disaster Assistance**

  
Jessie M. Roberson  
Manager