

**Rocky Flats Citizens Advisory Board
Recommendation 96-7
to the Department of Energy**

Regarding the Site Wide Environmental Impact Statement

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Dear Mr. Silverman:

The Rocky Flats Citizens Advisory Board (CAB) understands that the Department of Energy (DOE) is considering discontinuing work on the Site Wide Environmental Impact Statement (SWEIS). This letter is to inform you that CAB supports completing the SWEIS. We feel that an EIS is necessary in light of the cleanup work that will occur over the next ten years and beyond.

Further, we strongly recommend that the SWEIS be all-inclusive. We have heard that should DOE continue with the SWEIS, it may diminish the scope of the analysis. The Board opposes this option. In order to be a credible document, the SWEIS should analyze all major projects that are anticipated to happen at the site during the next ten years. If the alternatives being considered are not up-to-date, then they should be re-developed.

We also specifically suggest that the SWEIS evaluate all reasonable alternatives for the treatment, packaging and storage of plutonium residues. There is lingering concern that the Draft Environmental Assessment for Solid Residue Treatment, Repackaging, and Storage was not adequate in its coverage of residue activities. In lieu of recommending a separate EIS for residues, CAB would support a thorough analysis as part of the SWEIS.

We hope this advice is useful as you consider the future of the Rocky Flats Site Wide Environmental Impact Statement. Please inform us as soon as a decision has been made on this matter.

Sincerely,

Linda Murakami
Chair

The Rocky Flats Citizens Advisory Board is a community advisory group that reviews and provides recommendations on cleanup plans for Rocky Flats, a former nuclear weapons plant outside of Denver, Colorado.

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