



**Rocky Flats Citizens Advisory Board  
Recommendation 2004-10**

**Comments on Draft Report to Congress: Rocky Flats Museum Options**

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Letter to:  
Mr. Ray Plienness  
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Dear Ray:

The Rocky Flats Citizens Advisory Board would like to provide the following comments on the Draft Report to Congress: Rocky Flats Museum Options.

- 1) The Board is concerned that the first published comment period for this document was very short, but appreciates that the comment period was extended to accommodate our monthly meeting schedule. We ask that Legacy Management work more closely with the community in the future on the release of documents and plans for which public comment is desired, so that adequate notice is given and more acceptable comment periods are offered.
- 2) Because it was not required by Congress, the Board asks that DOE remove all references to its position that it will not fund the museum. Questions regarding funding, whether solely by DOE or in partnership with others, should be deferred until a later time and should be part of a broader community discussion about the museum. The Board notes with some curiosity DOE's insistence that it not fund the museum at Rocky Flats, when such funding is provided at other sites, including the Los Alamos National Laboratory and the Oak Ridge National Laboratory. Although not a museum, DOE also provides funding for a visitor's center at the Weldon Springs Site.
- 3) The Board provided initial comments in support of the museum to our local site manager, Frazer Lockhart, in September of this year. We would like to reiterate those comments and make some additions:
  - a. Buildings 60 and 61 make the most sense for a future museum location.
  - b. The message of the museum should be expanded to include more than the Cold War story and hence, it should be called the "Rocky Flats Museum" and not the "Rocky Flats Cold War Museum." Other messages could include the early history of the site, as well as its ecology.
  - c. It makes sense to bring all the interests at Rocky Flats under one roof at the site. Buildings 60 and 61 could house the museum, community meeting rooms, the reading room, and refuge activities. These facilities could also serve as a center for research studies geared toward long-term stewardship activities.

We thank you for the opportunity to review this report and look forward to your response to our comments.

Sincerely,

Gerald L. DePoorter  
Chair

cc: Frazer Lockhart, DOE-RFPO  
Scott Surovchak, DOE-LM  
Steve Davis, Rocky Flats Cold War Museum

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