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Dear Paul and Victor:

The Rocky Flats Stewardship Working Group has completed an initial report on long-term stewardship at Rocky Flats, which we are now pleased to forward to the RFCAB and the RFCLOG.

The purpose of this report is to emphasize the importance of incorporating long-term stewardship into the remedy selection process, and to forward recommendations on how best to accomplish this important task. Although the conclusions and opinions in this report do not necessarily reflect the consensus position of all Stewardship Working Group participants, it is our hope and expectation that these ideas will generate a robust public dialogue with the Site and RFCA parties.

The report provides a review of past cleanup decisions at Rocky Flats, which supports the Stewardship Working Group's assertion that more can be done to incorporate stewardship analysis into the remedy selection process. Towards this end, the Stewardship Working Group has developed its first draft of an analytical matrix we are calling the stewardship "toolbox". The toolbox should also serve to assist community members in analyzing the relationship between remedy selections and long-term stewardship needs. As discussed in the report, important components or "tools" of a stewardship program include physical controls; institutional or administrative controls; performance monitoring and maintenance; information management; periodic assessment that includes continued research and development; and maintenance of a responsible controlling authority.

The report then proceeds to describe specific areas of contamination at Rocky Flats where cleanup decisions have not yet been made but where stewardship could impact the remedy analysis. In future reports the Stewardship Working Group hopes to better illustrate how the stewardship toolbox can be applied to these remedy selections.

Finally, the recommendations that the Stewardship Working Group offers to the RFCAB and RFCLOG are geared towards substantive steps the Site and RFCA parties can take to strengthen stewardship planning at Rocky Flats. These recommendations are not intended to be exhaustive, nor do they represent the Stewardship Working Group's final conclusions.

We still have a great deal of work ahead of us. The Stewardship Working Group plans to continue observing the cleanup process and convey, as needed, new information and/or recommendations to both the RFCAB and RFCLOG.

Sincerely yours,

/s/

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