

# Rocky Flats Coalition of Local Governments

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Mr. Mike Owen  
Director, Office of Legacy Management  
U.S Department of Energy  
1000 Independence Avenue  
Washington, D.C. 20585

Dear Director Owen,

The seven governments that comprise the Rocky Flats Coalition of Local Governments are in receipt of your December 2004 letter to our member governments regarding formation of the Rocky Flats Local Stakeholder Organization (LSO). On matters pertaining to Rocky Flats, our governments work cooperatively through the Rocky Flats Coalition, so we are responding with this letter on behalf of the Rocky Flats Coalition Board of Directors.

The Rocky Flats Coalition welcomes the opportunity to work with you on forming the Rocky Flats LSO and appreciates the initial steps you have taken to reach out to us. Local governments remain integrally invested in the successful closure of Rocky Flats, including the transition of management of the Site from DOE's Office of Environmental Management to both DOE's Office of Legacy Management and the United States Fish and Wildlife Service. Part of this transition includes the timely and smooth designation of the LSO for Rocky Flats.

We hope that Legacy Management values the role of working with the Rocky Flats Coalition, DOE's designated community reuse organization for Rocky Flats, although we fear this may not be the case. Earlier this year, DOE attempted to eliminate fiscal year 2004 funding for community reuse organizations, including for the Rocky Flats Coalition, despite specific Congressional appropriations. Additionally, your December 2004 letter appears to bypass the Rocky Flats Coalition and go directly to the individual member governments, although we hope this was merely an oversight. Given these recent actions, we have become sensitive to Legacy Management's treatment of the Rocky Flats Coalition.

Since our inception in 1999, the Rocky Flats Coalition has been integrally involved in every key decision affecting the cleanup, closure, and future use of Rocky Flats. We expect Legacy Management will work closely with the Rocky Flats Coalition on issues related to the LSO, including but not limited to the issues you outlined in the aforementioned letter to our local

governments. We are also aware that Senator Allard, through his staff, has confirmed that he too shares this expectation.

The Rocky Flats Coalition has invested considerable time and energy partnering with DOE on a host of issues. We remain committed to seeking collaborative solutions to the many issues that are still unresolved, including formation of the LSO. Towards this end, and on behalf of the Board of Directors, we would like to reiterate David Abelson's invitation for you and your key staff to attend our February 7, 2005, Board meeting to continue discussing the LSO. We will again invite representatives of the Rocky Flats Citizens Advisory Board to participate in this important conversation.

If you have any questions about this letter or any other issue affecting our communities, please do not hesitate to contact David Abelson or us. Again, thank you for your commitment to work with our governments on the formation of the LSO.

Sincerely,

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