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ALLARD, UDALL AND BEAUPREZ ASSURED ROCKY FLATS SHIPMENTS ON SCHEDULE

Washington, DC - U.S. Sen. Wayne Allard (R-CO), and U.S. Reps. Mark Udall (D-CO) and Bob Beauprez (R-CO) met today with Dr. Everet H. Beckner, the Deputy Administrator for Defense Programs from the National Nuclear Security Administration.

Dr. Beckner assured the Colorado elected officials that the shipments of plutonium out of Rocky Flats to the Savannah River Site in South Carolina are on schedule. This allows the goal of completing the removal of the plutonium by December, 2003 to be maintained.

“Due to the outstanding work of Secretary of Energy Spencer Abraham, the Department of Energy and the workers at Rocky Flats, we remain on schedule to remove all of the plutonium from Rocky Flats,” Allard said.

"I am encouraged by the progress that has been made in removing the plutonium from Rocky Flats. I will continue to do all that I can to make sure that we stay on track for the 2006 cleanup goal," said Udall, whose district includes Rocky Flats.

“I want to acknowledge the dedication, hard work and cooperation of the Department of Energy and Kaiser-Hill in making such tremendous progress in a most difficult task,” Beauprez said. “They have always maintained concern for the safety and security for the thousands of workers at Rocky Flats, as well as the citizens of Colorado.”

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