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ALLARD AND UDALL MEET WITH DOE ON ROCKY FLATS COLORADO LAWMAKERS HOLD DOE'S "FEET TO THE FIRE" ON 2006 CLEAN-UP AND CLOSURE DEADLINE

Washington, D.C. – U.S. Senator Wayne Allard (R-CO) and Colorado Second District U.S. Representative Mark Udall today met with high ranking Department of Energy (DOE) officials to gain assurances that the Bush administration is committed to achieving a 2006 clean-up and closure of Rocky Flats. The two lawmakers were assured by the officials that the DOE remains on track and committed to that goal.

“We called DOE up to Capitol Hill today to ‘keep their feet to the fire’ on the 2006 clean-up and closure deadline,” said Allard following the meeting. “We plan on keeping the pressure on them every single day in order to ensure we do not miss the 2006 deadline.”

“I think the administration is working in good faith toward meeting the 2006 deadline, but if things slip, the state and the delegation may have to look for other ways to increase the pressure,” said Udall.

The two Colorado lawmakers met with Assistant Secretary for Environmental Management Jessie Roberson, Deputy Administrator for Defense Nuclear Non-Proliferation Linton Brooks and Kyle McSlarrow, Chief of Staff for Secretary of Energy Spencer Abraham. The Secretary of Energy has designated McSlarrow to coordinate DOE activities in order to ensure a 2006 clean-up and closure of Rocky Flats.

During the meeting, Allard and Udall also discussed with the DOE officials the Report due Congress on Plutonium Disposition. They were assured the report, which was due February 1st, would be presented to Congress within days.

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