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ALLARD INTRODUCES BILL TO FINE DOE \$100 MILLION IF THEY FAIL TO REMOVE ALL PLUTONIUM FROM ROCKY FLATS BY 2003 SAYS LEGISLATION WILL KEEP 2006 CLEAN-UP AND CLOSURE OF FORMER NUCLEAR FACILITY ON TRACK

Washington, D.C. – U.S. Senator Wayne Allard (R-CO) has introduced legislation that would allow the Department of Energy (DOE) to be fined up to \$100 million a year by the state of Colorado if they have failed to remove all of the plutonium from Rocky Flats by November 2003. The legislation would ensure the former nuclear weapons facility northwest of Denver would be cleaned up and closed by 2006. Colorado Second District Representative Mark Udall introduced similar legislation in the U.S. House of Representatives.

“This legislation will ensure DOE’s promise to clean-up and close Rocky Flats by 2006 is honored,” said Allard.

Before Rocky Flats is closed, the Department of Energy must move up to six metric tons of plutonium from Rocky Flats to the Savannah River Site in South Carolina.

Under the legislation introduced by Allard, if shipments of plutonium from Rocky Flats to the Savannah River Site have not started by July 1, 2002 the DOE would be required to look for alternative sites. In addition, if all shipments of plutonium are not completed by November 1,