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## ALLARD ASKS DOE TO TAKE STEPS NECESSARY TO KEEP CLEAN-UP OF ROCKY FLATS BY 2006 COLORADO SENATOR WANTS COMMITMENT FOR SAFE AND TIMELY SHIPMENTS

Washington, D.C. – U.S. Senator Wayne Allard (R-CO), a member of the Senate Armed Services Committee, in a letter to Secretary of Energy Spencer Abraham, asked the Department of Energy(DOE) to assure the people of Colorado that DOE is still fully committed to taking all the necessary steps to meet the 2006 closure deadline for Rocky Flats.

“While I truly appreciate the efforts you have undertaken to initiate the removal of Special Nuclear Material from Rocky Flats to the DOE’s Savannah River Site, I remain concerned that the delays may have seriously impaired the ability of DOE to meet the 2006 deadline,” wrote Allard in a letter to Secretary Abraham.

Allard asks the DOE to provide his office with an assessment of when all shipments of nuclear material need to be completed to enable the closure of the entire site by 2006. He also requested the commitment of the DOE to provide all necessary transports, infrastructure and funding to ensure the 2006 closure of the Rocky Flats site.

“Mr. Secretary, I applaud your efforts to cleanup and shut down Rocky Flats, as well as your efforts to accelerate the cleanup of the entire DOE complex and to enhance national security by safeguarding and consolidating the nation’s surplus nuclear material,” added Allard. “We are now poised for success in these efforts and I am committed to helping and supporting these efforts in any way I can.”

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