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## ALLARD INFORMED BY DOE THAT ROCKY FLATS PLUTONIUM SHIPMENTS HAVE BEGUN

Washington, D.C. – U.S. Senator Wayne Allard (R-CO) on Friday morning was informed by the Department of Energy(DOE) that shipments of nuclear waste from Rocky Flats to South Carolina’s Savannah River Site have begun.

“This is the great news for Rocky Flats, the workers and the communities surrounding the facility,” said Senator Allard. “The Department of Energy is demonstrating the administration’s commitment to keep the Rocky Flats clean-up and closure on track for 2006.”

Allard was briefed Friday morning by the Deputy Administrator of Defense Programs at the National Nuclear Security Administration(NNSA) on the status of the shipments. He was informed that all the necessary funding, transports and equipment will be provided by DOE to ensure the 2006 deadline to clean-up and close the former nuclear weapons facility is met. Shipments are expected to be completed by the end of 2003.

“I am confident the shipments and clean-up will be accomplished safely and securely due to the outstanding workforce we have at Rocky Flats,” added Allard.

Allard will be briefed monthly on the status of the shipments and the progress of the clean-up at the Rocky Flats site by DOE.

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