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## ALLARD LAUDS RICHARDSON FOR AGREEMENT TO EXPEDITE CLEAN-UP OF ROCKY FLATS SAYS NEW AGREEMENT BETWEEN STATES WILL ENSURE 2006 CLOSURE

Washington, D.C. – U.S. Senator Wayne Allard (R-CO) today praised Secretary of Energy Bill Richardson for his leadership on an agreement between the states of Colorado, South Carolina, Tennessee and Washington that could ensure a 2006 closure of Rocky Flats.

“This agreement is important to ensuring a 2006 clean-up of Rocky Flats,” Allard said. “For the first time ever we have all of the communities affected by the clean-up and shutdown of unnecessary nuclear weapons facilities working together to get this difficult job completed.”

Allard, who has worked closely with Secretary Richardson to expedite clean-up and closure of Rocky Flats, also praised Richardson for his commitment to Rocky Flats.

“I appreciate your commitment to Rocky Flats and the 2006 closure date,” Allard wote Richardson. “For my part, I will do all I can to ensure that Rocky Flats recieves the proper funding in order to achieve this 2006 closure date. Also, I will assist in any way possible to uphold the statements of principles as laid out in the agreement.”

The agreement, signed last week by Secretary Richardson and Governors Bill Owens (CO), James Hodges (SC), Don Sundquist, and Gary Locke (WA) pledges cooperation between the four states and the DOE on the issues of clean-up and closure of nuclear weapons facilities in their states.

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