G039.12/1991/6
c.1

STATE OF COLORADO

EXECUTIVE CHAMBERS
136 State Capitol
Denver, Colorado 80203-1792
Phone (303) 866-2471

Roy Romer
Governor

B 006 91

EXECUTIVE ORDER
ROCKY FLATS ENVIRONMENTAL MONITORING COUNCIL

WHEREAS, the Rocky Flats Environmental Monitoring Council has made important contributions to improving the public understanding of issues concerning the Rocky Flats Nuclear Weapons Plant and made valuable recommendations regarding the plant to Congressman David Skaggs and myself;

WHEREAS, Colorado citizens are concerned and wish to be informed about public safety and environmental matters concerning plant operations; and

WHEREAS, new circumstances, efforts by the facility to conduct its operation in a manner that is safe to the public and the environment, as well as the changing regulatory authority of the State of Colorado, require revisions of the mission and structure of the Council;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Roy Romer, Governor of the State of Colorado, by virtue of the authority vested in me and under the laws of the State of Colorado, and with the approval of Congressman David Skaggs, DO HEREBY ORDER THAT:

There is continued the Rocky Flats Environmental Monitoring Council, hereinafter called the Council.

I. The goals of the Council are:

A. To promote communication among the Colorado Department of Health, the Environmental Protection Agency, the U.S. Department of Energy, the contract operator of the Rocky Flats Plant, local governments and the public regarding current hazardous and radioactive waste management programs and environmental, health and safety protection activities at Rocky Flats; and to disseminate accurate and objective information to the public about such programs and activities.

B. To promote safe, proper and effective cleanup and waste management by: monitoring implementation of provisions of the federal Resource Conservation and Recovery Act and the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act, and other laws and regulations and agreements as applicable to the Rocky Flats Plant; and investigating alternative technologies and management and regulatory strategies to protect public safety and the environment.

C. To monitor the effects of Rocky Flats Plant operations and to promote measures to ensure safety and protect public health and the environment.

D. To provide to the Governor and the Member of Congress from the Second Congressional District progress reports and recommendations on actions that should be taken to protect the environment and improve communication regarding the Rocky Flats Plant.

II. To carry out the above goals, the Council shall, within the constraints of available resources, undertake to;

A. Provide citizens with accurate information and understandable explanations of complex issues through public forums, newsletters or reports. Public forums shall be held at locations and times that encourage citizen participation.

B. Include representatives from various organizations, local governments, and individual citizens to advise and assist formally in Council activities.

C. Provide local governments with information on Rocky Flats Plant health, safety, and environmental programs so as to assist public officials and citizens in understanding the implications of plant operations on public health, safety, and the environment.

D. Provide periodic evaluations and recommendations to the Governor and the Member of Congress from the Second Congressional District as to appropriate state, federal and local government and Rocky Flats Plant actions regarding Plant programs and regulatory activities related to the protection of public health, safety and the environment.

B 006 91

E. Seek qualified expert advice on issues beyond the technical capabilities of the Council.

F. Establish liaison with the Colorado Department of Health, the Environmental Protection Agency, and the Rocky Flats Plant to assist in gathering information necessary to accomplish the goals of the Council.

III. The Council shall be governed by the following:

A. The Council shall consist of no more than fifteen members, to be appointed by the Governor after consultation with and the approval of the Member of Congress from the Second Congressional District.

B. Members of the Council shall include representatives of the public, technical community, and affected units of government.

C. Members shall serve two year terms and may be reappointed.

D. In the event of a Council vacancy, the Governor with the approval of the Member of Congress from the Second Congressional District, may appoint a new member to fill vacant positions.

E. The Governor, with the approval of the Member of Congress from the Second Congressional District, shall appoint a chairperson and a vice chairperson.

IV. This order supercedes any previous executive orders relating to a Rocky Flats Monitoring Committee or Rocky Flats Environmental Monitoring Council.

V. The Rocky Flats Environmental Monitoring Council shall be reviewed no later than December 31, 1992, to determine appropriate action for its continuance, modification, or disbanding.

GIVEN under my hand and the Executive Seal of the State of Colorado, this twelfth day of ~~March~~, 1991.

Roy Romer
Governor