memorandum

DATE: April 5, 1995

REPLY TO EM-64

TO:

Rocky Flats Building 707 Plutonium Thermal Stabilization

SUBJECT:

Manager, Rocky Flats Field Office

You are authorized to return to full and normal plutonium thermal stabilization operations in Building 707. This authorization completes a lengthy safety program upgrade and review process required by the implementation plan for Defense Nuclear facilities Safety Board Recommendation 90-4 and the Department of Energy (DOE) Order 5480.31. It reflects successful completion of a Plutonium Startup Test Program as reported by your memorandum of March 17, 1995, and by Mr. Joe King's (Team Leader, follow up reviews of Building 707 Plutonium Stabilization startup tests) memorandum of February 27, 1995. You are congratulated upon achieving this milestone for safety improvements at Rocky Flats.

This restart was limited in scope to thermal stabilization operations in Module J of Building 707. However, the upgrades which supported that restart, and the extensive reviews which it required, have encompassed many other building and site programs. These restart activities may be used to reduce the scope of other nuclear restart or startup activities as authorized within DOE Order 5480.31.

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