

**ROCKY FLATS RETIRED AND DISABLED WORKERS  
BENEFITS INFORMATION AND PROTECTION COMMITTEE**  
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Colorado Congressional Delegation  
Washington DC

SUBJECT: ROCKY FLATS RETIREE BENEFITS

Dear Senator and/or Representative,

I am writing on behalf of all retirees from the former Rocky Flat Plant who retired on or before July 1, 1995.

Recently we have been informed that the medical benefits we have had for almost twenty years are going to be changed effective January 1, 2015. These changes are going to cause undue hardships for a number of retirees who produced the key components that are a part of our nuclear arsenal today. These people have maintained our freedom in the same way that our veterans have but here on American soil rather than being stationed around the world. We are all aware of what has recently happened to the veterans' benefits and what has been done to protect them, and we believe we deserve the same consideration.

Without the dedication of these people we would not be enjoying the freedoms we have today. It is so hard to accept that after all these years with the declining population of this group, the Department of Energy has seen fit to direct its contractor Washington River Protection Services to implement these changes. These people were not part of the conversion of the plant from production to the dismantling and remediation, and that is why they are unique.

We are asking your assistance in convincing the DOE that this change in terms of cost and stress, is not necessary as the costs are continuing to decline and are going away in a relatively short time as the majority of this group is in their late 70s and older. It is also important to point out that this group of employees has never had an increase in their pensions since July 1, 1995.

We would appreciate your support and would be happy to meet with you or members of your staff for future discussions and/or clarifications. Swift action is needed on this issue because open enrollment is scheduled for October 1, 2014. Please feel free to contact me at [joandlar@comcast.net](mailto:joandlar@comcast.net)

Regards,

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