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August 11, 1995

Dear Mr. Rauch,

It is the position of the Sierra Club that the draft EIS (DEIS) for Rocky Mountain Arsenal has been prepared prematurely. It is difficult for us to comment on the DEIS Alternatives prior to the issuance of the Arsenal's Record of Decision (ROD) as we are uncertain of the final level of remediation. Moreover, it is difficult for us to understand how U.S.F.W.S. can evaluate and propose a refuge plan under these circumstances.

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Therefore, Sierra Club cannot support any of U.S.F.W.S. proposed Alternatives as discussed in the DEIS. In fact, we believe the DEIS is fundamentally inadequate under the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) and should be withdrawn until such time the ROD has been accepted by all parties. U.S.F.W.S. should then rewrite and resubmit an environmental impact statement that more clearly envisions the intent of Public Law 102-402, the "Rocky Mountain Arsenal National Wildlife Act of 1992."

Sincerely,

Sandra Horrocks, Chair, Rocky Mountain Arsenal Subcommittee,  
Rocky Mountain Chapter, Sierra Club

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**Response #1**

Thank you for expressing your concerns. The Service, however, believes that adequate information is available on the conceptual remediation agreement to provide reasonable predictions sufficient to address this long-range plan for the Refuge.

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