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Shell Oil Company's Response to Senator Ben Nighthorse Campbell's Press Release of January 18 regarding the Rocky Mountain Arsenal and Shared Costs

Background:

Senator Nighthorse Campbell's comments are apparently based on an article which ran in the Denver Post on Sunday, January 15. The article was filled with numerous errors regarding expenses shared between Shell Oil Company and the US Army relating to the cleanup of the Rocky Mountain Arsenal.

Regarding a GAO Audit:

Shell Oil Company would welcome additional review by the General Accounting Office. The GAO has reviewed the cost claim and settlement process used by the Army and Shell on their visits to the facility. Shell has not been advised of any problems. The US Army Audit Agency and the financial office of the Arsenal's Program Manager's Office have audited shared expenses.

Regarding the Settlement Agreement:

The Settlement Agreement provides for the sharing of costs between the United States and Shell Oil Company. The allocation formula is based primarily on the amounts and types of waste disposed of by each organization, and the fact that the Army was owner and operator of the waste disposal system when Shell manufactured pesticides at the Arsenal. The Agreement has been reviewed and approved by the US District Court.