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**ROCKY FLATS DOWNDWINDERS AND METROPOLITAN STATE UNIVERSITY OF DENVER TO
LAUNCH HEALTH SURVEY ON MAY 17TH**

*SURVEY WILL FOCUS FOR THE FIRST TIME ON RESIDENTS
LIVING DOWNWIND FROM ROCKY FLATS*

(Denver, CO)- In an effort to address long standing questions and concerns in the Arvada, Westminster, Broomfield and surrounding communities regarding high rates of illnesses, Metropolitan State University of Denver (MSU Denver) in partnership with Rocky Flats Downwinders will conduct a health survey to determine if there are identifiable health effects experienced by residents that have lived downwind from the former Rocky Flats Nuclear Weapons Plant. The survey will launch on the Rocky Flats Downwinders website, www.rockyflatsdownwinders.com on May 17, 2016.

Rocky Flats Downwinders, a community organization, reached out to local universities for assistance last fall in creating a health study. A working group comprised of professors from three of Colorado's top universities, MSU Denver, Colorado State University, and University of Colorado at Boulder as well as health care professionals, members of the scientific community and local community groups have provided advice on the survey design. The interdisciplinary group is the first of its kind to assist in researching the health impacts on residents who lived near the Rocky Flats Nuclear Weapons Plant.

The health survey, approved by MSU Denver's Internal Review Board and follows HIPPA Guidelines, will collect health data on those people living in the areas circumscribed by the boundaries of Highway 128/120th Avenue on the north, I-25 on the east, I-70 on the south, and Highway 93 on the west between 1952 and 1992 (See map below). Those interested can get more information and access the survey by going to the Rocky Flats Downwinders website www.rockyflatsdownwinders.com.



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