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Dear Community Member,

We are asking for your assistance. We are faculty researchers in the Department of Health Professions at Metropolitan State University of Denver. We are conducting the Rocky Flats Downwinders Health Survey, which is a preliminary and limited health survey to determine if there are identifiable health risks in the area downwind from the former Rocky Flats Nuclear Weapons Plant that might relate to exposure to contamination from the plant. This study is the first step in identifying the individuals who live or lived in the downwind area, and identifying the type of health issues they have experienced that might be related to radiation and/or toxic chemical exposure.

We invite you to share your or others health information if you were residents of the areas circumscribed by the boundaries of Highway 7/168th/Arapahoe Avenue on the north, I-25 on the east, Colfax Avenue on the south, and Highway 93 on the west (see map) from 1952 to the present.



If you are interested, you can get more information and access the survey by going to the Rocky Flats Downwinders website at <u>www.rockyflatsdownwinders.com</u>.

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The information provided on your Health Survey is confidential. We will be operating in a HIPAA compliant manner using all reasonably available data security technologies and data access procedures. Further, once we have compiled our study data set and validated the fact that we have only single reports for an individual, we will delete personally identified information from our study data set, thus further reducing the privacy risk to you. Efforts will be made to limit the use and disclosure of your personal information, including research study records, to people who have a need to review this information. We cannot promise complete secrecy. Your information may be reviewed by MSU Denver's Institutional Review Board (IRB) that oversees human research or by other authorized representatives of MSU Denver.

Your participation is completely voluntary.

Thank you for your consideration. Please email Carol Jensen, R.N., M.Ed. at <u>jensenc@msudenver.edu</u> if you have any questions.

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