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 David K. Garman, Under Secretary
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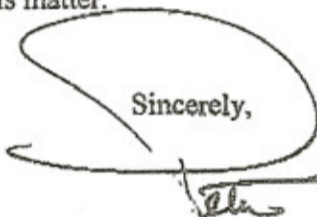
Dear Under Secretary Garman:

I received your September 14 letter which purports to respond to my letter of June 22 concerning the proposed EPA preferred alternative for the West Valley site and to a letter dated August 28 from Paul Piciulo of NYSERDA to Bryan Bower of DOE concerning DOE's proposed core team process to resolve environmental impact statement issues. Your letter expresses regret that NYSERDA has decided not to participate in the core team process. As we have indicated previously, we do not believe the core team process can be productive in the absence of agreement on a preferred alternative.

I regret DOE's decision to be silent on my request for a response to the EPA proposal. NYSERDA believes that significant further progress at West Valley will not occur until the larger issues concerning the site end state and agency responsibilities are resolved. Unfortunately, DOE has been unwilling to address these issues. Therefore, NYSERDA will proceed accordingly.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,



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