

**WEST VALLEY CITIZEN TASK FORCE
2006 ACTIVITIES AND ACCOMPLISHMENTS**

CTF WORK PRODUCTS

West Valley Demonstration Project

- 07-28 Comments on *Draft Environmental Assessment for the Decontamination, Demolition, and Removal of Various Facilities at the West Valley Demonstration Project* (Draft EA), DOE/EA-1552; and
- 07-28 Comments on *NUREG-1854, Standard Review Plan for Activities Related to U.S. Department of Energy Waste Determinations, Draft Report for Interim Use and Comment*.

CTF COMMUNICATION

Correspondence Sent Out

- 03-01 Letter to Robert F. Warther/DOE, Re: Request the U.S. Department of Energy *West Valley Demonstration Project Site Utilization Management Plan*, dated August 2005, to withdraw until the EIS process is complete, or explain in a credible manner why the SUMP is a valid document and not an attempt to bypass the EIS process.
- 03-02 Letter to Johnny W. Reising/Fernald, Donald Pfister/Mound, Sue Smiley/DOE, Michael J. Grauwelman/Miamisburg Mound Community Improvement Corp., Tom Baillieul, Dick Church/Mayor of Miamisburg, Re: Thank you for visit/tour. This letter was written jointly by NYSERDA, CTF and DOE.
- 04-17 Letter to Rev. William Kay, Re: Thank you for CTF service. This letter was written jointly by NYSERDA, CTF and DOE.
- 07-17 Letter to Alan J. Steinberg/EPA, Re: Sincere appreciation for EPA's new proposal for a Preferred Alternative for the West Valley Demonstration Project Decommissioning EIS.
- 07-28 Letter to Bryan C. Bower/DOE, Re: Comments on *Draft Environmental Assessment for the Decontamination, Demolition, and Removal of Various Facilities at the West Valley Demonstration Project* (Draft EA), DOE/EA-1552, dated June 26, 2006.
- 07-28 Letter to Anna Bradford/U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Re: *NUREG-1854, Standard Review Plan for Activities Related to U.S. Department of Energy Waste Determinations, Draft Report for Interim Use and Comment*, dated May 2006.
- 10-25 Letter to Dave Wilcox, Re: Thank you for CTF service. This letter was written jointly by NYSERDA, CTF and DOE.
- 10-25 Letter to Warren Schmidt, Re: Thank you for CTF service. This letter was written jointly by NYSERDA, CTF and DOE.
- 10-30 Letter to James A. Rispoli/DOE, and Peter R. Smith/NYSERDA, Re: Concern about the deteriorating relationship between DOE and NYSERDA. The CTF calls on both agencies to move away from confrontational attitude and focus on what needs to be done to remediate this complex and erosion-prone site. Lists recommendations to both agencies.

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12-22 Letter to Dale E. Klein/NRC, Re: Concern about the continued spread of the radioactive plume of Strontium 90 (Sr-90) across the North Plateau of the West Valley site and the lack of any Federal initiative to actively address the source of the plume.

Correspondence Received

07-06 Letter from DOE extending the public comment period on the draft Environmental Assessment.

09-27 NYSERDA Memorandum to the CTF entitled "Plutonium in the SDA".

09-25 Memorandum from Paul Piciulo to the CTF regarding NYSERDA participation in the EIS Process.

11-27 NRC letter inviting Ray Vaughan to speak on behalf of the CTF before the Commission at a public meeting in Maryland on December 11th.

12-05 DOE letter to Ray Vaughan and Lee Lambert in response to the CTF letter of 10/30/06 regarding the relationship between DOE and NYSERDA.

Press Releases Issued

12-22 "CTF Member Addresses U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission"

CTF PROCESS

CTF Meetings

- 10 CTF Meetings; and
- Five Work Group meetings/conference calls.

Other Meetings

- Several CTF members attended WVDP Quarterly Public Meetings throughout the year; and
- CTF Member participated in panel session at 12/11 NRC Commission Meeting on Decommissioning in Washington, DC.

Site Tours

- Fernald/Mound - DOE Ohio Sites

Website

- Continued development and maintenance of CTF web site, www.westvalleyctf.org.

Membership

- Three members resigned;
- Two members were added; and
- Two alternates were added.

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Presentation Topics at CTF Meetings

- 5 Orientation Session
 - CTF Process and Ground Rules
 - CTF Accomplishments
 - Radiation 101
 - Regulations 101
 - Site History and Project Overview
- WVDP Status
 - Safety
 - Interim End State
 - Waste Shipping
 - HLW Tank Characterization
 - D4 Projects
 - Infrastructure Reduction/Facility Removal
 - Organizational Changes
 - Decommissioning EIS/Core Team Process
 - Community Service Activities
 - Supplemental Analysis for Waste Management EIS
 - Contract Procurement
- NYSERDA Updates
 - Legislation - WV Remediation Act
 - Litigation
 - Proposed Ethanol Plant
- Fernald/Mound Field Trip Report
- Process for Release of Non-Impacted Areas of Center (NRC)
- Drum Cell Waste Classification and Shipping
- National Environmental Policy Act 101
- Environmental Assessment for Decontamination, Demolition and Removal of Various Facilities at the WVDP
- CTF Technical Work Group Report on NRC Standard Review Plan
- NYSERDA Views on the Preliminary Draft Environmental Impact Statement
- Differences Between NYSERDA and DOE
- North Plateau Groundwater Plume Status
- Future of the State-Licensed Disposal Area

2006 NEWSPAPER COVERAGE

Salamanca Press, 01-30	<i>"Disagreement Continues Regarding West Valley Clean Up"</i>
Olean Times Herald, 02-04	<i>"Kuhl Tells West Valley Crowd He's Optimistic"</i>
Olean Times Herald, 06-30	<i>"DOE to Remove 42 Buildings at West Valley Site"</i>
Buffalo News, 07-20	<i>"West Valley Plans Decried as Premature, Ill-Advised"</i>
Springville Journal, 07-27	<i>"Coalition, Citizen's Task Force Want Latest WVDP Plan Scrapped"</i>
Springville Journal, 08-03	<i>"WVDP Trailers Still at Issue in Ashford"</i>
Springville Journal, 08-03	<i>"At West Valley, A Changing of the Guard," (A Journal Special Report)</i>
Olean Times Herald, 08-24	<i>"Citizens Task Force Concerned About Inaction Regarding West Valley"</i>
Olean Times Herald, 09-26	<i>"State, Feds to Compare Notes on West Valley"</i>

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Olean Times Herald, 09-28	<i>“State to Sue Feds Over West Valley Cleanup”</i>
Buffalo News, 09-29-2006	<i>“West Valley: Energy Group Sues State Over Site Cleanup”</i>
Weapons Monitor, 09-29	<i>“At West Valley: Angry Regulators Exit Discussions on D&D EIS, State, EPA Want Tanks Removed, NYSERDA Says Comments Ignored”</i>
Springville Journal, 10-05	<i>“Final Meltdown: New York Expects to Sue Feds Over West Valley Clean-Up”</i>
Weapons Monitor, 11-13	<i>“At West Valley: Panel Calls for DOE, State to Improve Relations”</i>
Springville Journal, 12-21	<i>“More to Come,”</i> Editorial
Springville Journal, 12-28	<i>“Citizen Group Asks Feds for Help on West Valley Contamination Spread”</i>
Springville Journal, 12-28	<i>“A Few Final Thoughts,”</i> Editorial
Olean Times Herald, 12-27	<i>“West Valley Task Force Member Testifies Before NRC”</i>