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A GOOD GRANT - Pictured from left: Craig Rieman (DOE) West Valley Assistant Director), Doug Baker (Mercy Flight president) and Al Konetzni (West Valley Nuclear Services Company president).

WVDP awards grant to Mercy Flight

The West Valley Demonstration Project (WVDP) awarded Mercy Flight a grant for \$5,000 recently at Carson's Ashford House.

WVDP officials made the donation to help ensure that the emergency response organization remains a viable source of assistance for the Project and the surrounding area. The presentation was made by DOE West Valley's Assistant Director Craig Rieman and WVNSCO president Al Konetzni.

The Project is conducted in cooperation with the New York State Energy Research and Development Authority. West Valley Nuclear Services Company, part of Washington Group International, manages and operates the WVDP.

-Letters to the Editor- West Valley Nuclear Site

Dear Sardinia Standard
Upstream of beautiful
Zoar Valley and not far from
Sardinia, the nation's most
complex mix of nuclear
and hazardous wastes lies
buried. These wastes are
on the West Valley nuclear
site which includes the West
Valley Demonstration Project
(WVDP).

New York State owns the
land holding these wastes.
The US Department of Energy
is responsible for the wastes
within the boundaries of the
WVDP. Agencies of state
and federal government are
involved in a process that
hopefully will lead to full
cleanup.

The Coalition on West

Valley Nuclear Wastes and
the Citizen Task Force, both
representing the public, share
a serious concern that cleanup
will not be as complete as the
public deserves. Members of
the Coalition are troubled that
the public is being kept out of
the decision-making process
and will be kept out except to
comment on choices made by
representatives of government.

The West Valley nuclear
site is in the heart of prime
recreational and tourist
country. The presence of a
nuclear site has a chilling affect
on economic development.
Full cleanup will create
jobs and return the land to
productive use, enhancing
economic development plans
that maximize the recreational
value of the Southern Tier.

For more information on this,
including information on how
you can get involved go on the
web: www.digitup.org

Sincerely,
Judy Einach
Director, Coalition on West
Valley Nuclear Wastes



West Valley Delayed Due to Contract Issues

At the largest of the ‘small sites,’ the West Valley Demonstration Project in upstate New York, DOE is anticipating a one-year delay in completing the interim cleanup of the site, which addresses remaining stocks of legacy waste and some facility demolition. The cause for the West Valley delay is not due to regulatory or technical issues, according to DOE, but more to delays in awarding the interim completion contract to replace current site cleanup contractor West Valley Nuclear Services Company (WVNSCO). The Energy Dept. had previously planned last fall to award a three-year contract, running from FY07-2010 with an annual value of approximately \$75 million, for the West Valley interim completion project. While DOE had planned to make the award by Nov. 1, 2006; that was pushed back to May 1, 2007 due to a call for revised bids. Last month, though, DOE again sought new ‘Best and Final Offers’ from the three teams competing for the contract—a team consisting of incumbent Washington Group International, along with Jacobs and URS; a team consisting of CH2M HILL, Fluor, Areva and Duratek; and one led by the small business S.M. Stoller (*WC Monitor*, Vol. 18 No. 16). DOE officials have since declined to provide a new anticipated award date. “DOE expects to award the Interim End State contract in the near future,” Barnett said last week. “We expect that the scope of work in the Interim End State Request for Proposal could take up to four years to complete. Since the award of the contract has been delayed, DOE now expects that the Interim End State work will be completed in FY 2011.”