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.
Dear Sardinia Standard

West Valley Nuclear Site

Dear Sardinia Standard, Valley Nuclear Wastes and the Citizen Task Force, both representing the public, share a serious concern that cleanup changes as political winds change direction.

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.

The Coalition believes 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 Coalition are troubled that 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.

The US Department of Energy is responsible for the wastes within the boundaries of the WVD Project. 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

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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.’’