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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](http://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.”