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RE: **Funding for West Valley Demonstration Project**

Dear Assistant Secretary Rispoli and Deputy Assistant Secretary Frei,

The members of the West Valley Citizen Task Force (CTF) are encouraged by the progress that has been made at the West Valley Demonstration Project over the past few years, especially by the significant progress that the multi-agency Core Team has made in reaching agreement on how to move forward toward eventual remediation of the site.

The EM Five Year Plan Funding Profile calls for allocating \$75 million in 2010 for the West Valley Demonstration Project. It is essential that the work plan for achieving the Interim End State proceed in accordance with the schedule that DOE has presented to the CTF. Implementation of the forth-coming EIS is contingent upon achieving the Interim End State by 2011. Partial funding for West Valley would result in delaying the long-term cleanup. Substantial on-going operations and maintenance costs can be avoided if the cleanup is fully funded.

We respectfully request that your EM budget package allocate full funding for West Valley, as envisioned in the Five Year Plan. Full funding is essential to ensure that the site cleanup continues on the positive trajectory of the past few years. We also request that you consider increased funding in the 2010 budget, so that the canisters can be removed from the Main Processing Plant, thereby accelerating the removal of the Main Processing Plant that is located on top of the North Plateau Groundwater Plume. Increased funding for canister removal would accelerate the cleanup of the groundwater plume by several years – a critical component of the cleanup.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

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Leonore Lambert

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On behalf of all the Members of the West Valley Citizen Task Force

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