

NYSERDA's Annual Deer Hunting Program



West Valley Citizen Task Force Meeting
September 24, 2008











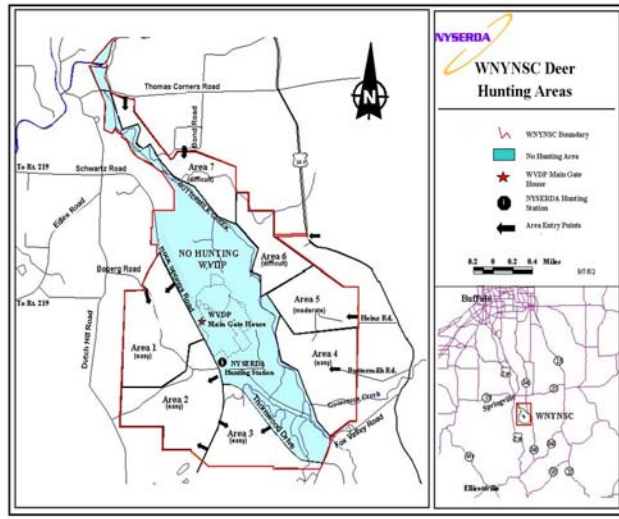
History of the Program

- Started in 1994
 - Requests from Town of Ashford and general public
 - NYSDEC estimated deer population double the surrounding area
 - Recognized need to reduce deer car collisions on area roads
- Hunter Participation
 - 25 hunters in 1994 – 7 deer taken
 - 500+ hunters in 1997 – 149 deer taken
 - Average 300 hunters/year (between 40-75 deer taken/year)
- Program Improvements
 - Added archery season
 - Reduced regular season to seven days
 - Curtailed littering at hunting entry points

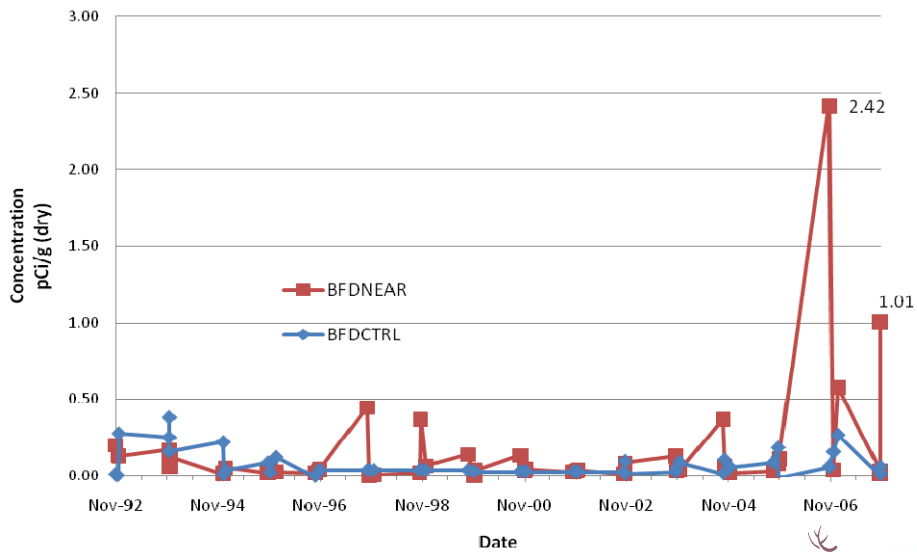


Elements of the Program

-  Schedule
-  Check-In/Out
-  Entry Points
-  Boundaries
-  Neighbors
-  No All-Terrain Vehicles
-  No Rifles
-  Radioactive Analysis of Venison

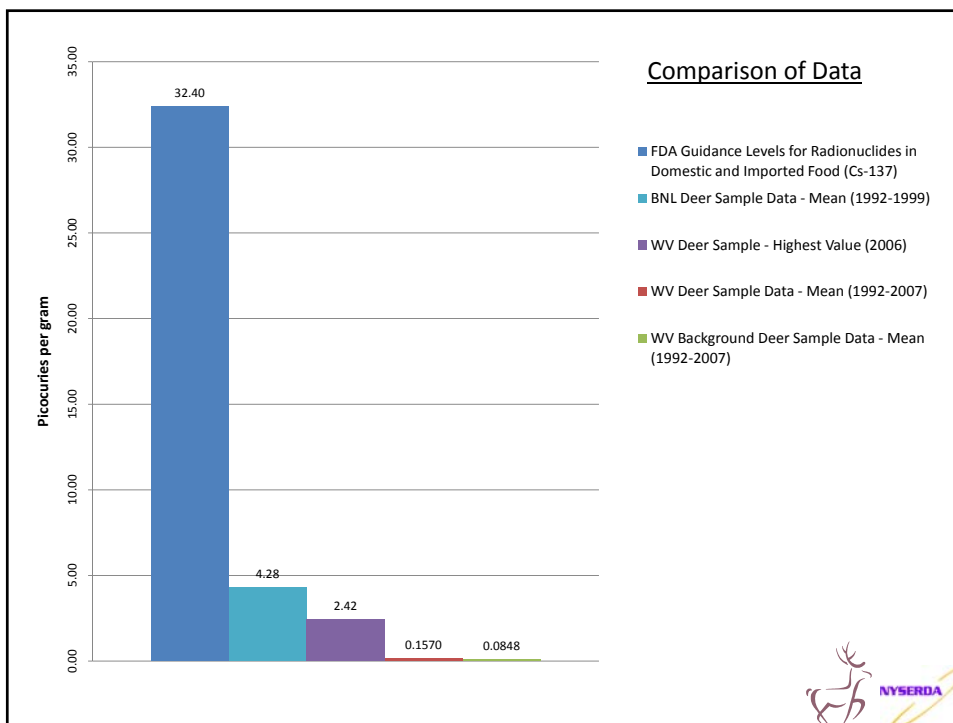


Cs-137 in Near-Site and Background Deer Samples From the WNYNSC



NYS Regulatory Agency Review

- NYSERDA provided the West Valley data to NYSDEC and NYSDOH
- NYSDOH conducted a similar assessment of Brookhaven National Laboratory deer population in 1999
- NYSDOH reviewed and compared the data to guidance and regulatory limits
- NYSDOH concluded that the radioactivity level in West Valley deer is not a public health hazard



Ongoing Activities

- NYSERDA will continue to offer hunters radioactive analysis of venison
- NYSERDA will collect additional samples as part of this year's program
- NYSERDA will assess new data to gain more knowledge about deer population
- NYSERDA will keep the public informed on this issue

