What we think!

Do you think they are on track with the WVDP cleanup?

People on the street give their opinion

DEBRA KASMIRE
“This shouldn’t bury it (waste). They are only looking for trouble down the line.”

MARGARET HORNING
“I think more research needs to be done to find out how to neutralize it. It lasts for thousands of years. It’s good to get it out of here but now other people have to pay the price. Who else’s neighborhood will it end up in.”

KIM BOMBERRY
“I like the plan where they are going to clean it all up, instead of the first plan.”

NORM JAGOW
“Yes. I hope they get it done pretty quick.”

TAMMY MONGERSON
“They are not doing enough. It should’ve been done a long time ago.”
The complete excavation of nuclear waste at the West Valley Demonstration Project was unanimously endorsed by the Presbytery of Western New York at its March 28 meeting.

Representing 64 Presbyterian churches in Western New York, the group cited its "Christian commitment to caring for creation" as the prime motivation for its formal resolution.

The resolution declared that the West Valley site "presents a moral imperative to act responsibly based on the best information available currently, as part of our compact with future generations." It went on to say that full excavation and clean up of all nuclear waste in the entire West Valley site, known in the Draft Environmental Impact Statement as the "Sitewide Removal Alternative" is the best option in view of that moral imperative.

The presbytery noted that the Sitewide Removal Alternative empowers the Department of Energy with a clear directive to focus immediately on excavating all nuclear wastes and preparing them properly for eventual storage at a safe location.

Passage of the resolution continues a long history of support by Presbyterians for cleanup of the West Valley site, beginning in 1993 when the presbytery joined in the successful opposition to a proposal by New York state to dump more nuclear waste at the site.
ASHFORD

West Valley update to focus on environmental statement

ASHFORD—The Department of Energy’s quarterly update on the West Valley Demonstration Project will be devoted to presentations on the revised draft environmental impact statement for decommissioning and/or long-term stewardship at the facility.

The presentation at 6:30 p.m. today is an opportunity for the public to learn about the project and plans for cleanup of the site prior to the June 8 comment deadline on the statement.

The session will be held in the Ashford Office Complex, 9030 Route 219. The statement can be viewed at www.westvalleyeis.com To receive a copy from the Energy Department, call 942-4159 or send an e-mail to catherine. m.bohan@wv.doe.gov.