



## Department of Energy

Washington, DC 20585

November 10, 2010

Mr. Francis J. Murray  
President and CEO  
New York State Energy  
Research and Development Authority  
17 Columbia Circle  
Albany, New York 12203-6399

Dear Mr. Murray:

Thank you for your October 5, 2010, letter encouraging the Office of Environmental Management (EM) to provide \$85 million per year for the West Valley Demonstration Project (WVDP) throughout the Phase I decommissioning period.

I agree with you that the Department of Energy and New York State Energy Research and Development Authority (NYSERDA) have made great strides during the past year. The successful completion of the long-awaited Environmental Impact Statement for the site was an achievement made possible by hard work and cooperation on the part of both agencies, and charted a path forward for cleanup of the site. The cost allocation settlement, recently approved by Judge Curtin, also marks a significant step forward. In addition, we were able to provide \$62.8 million in American Recovery and Reinvestment Act funding to West Valley, which saved and created more than 100 jobs and enabled accelerated progress on several major West Valley activities.

We will carefully consider your views as we move forward in the budget formulation process. As we formulate the fiscal year 2012 budget, the WVDP must compete with other EM projects throughout the nation. We will nevertheless strive to build on our successes at the West Valley site and, with NYSERDA's assistance, continue to make progress to protect the environment.

If you have any questions, please contact me or Ms. Joann Luczak, Deputy Assistant Secretary for Program Planning and Budget, at (202) 586-6985.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Inés R. Triay".

Inés R. Triay  
Assistant Secretary for  
Environmental Management

