Via Email ONLY

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Congressman Tom Reed Congressmen Brian Higgins
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RE: **FY14 West Valley Demonstration Project Budget**

Dear Congressmen Reed and Higgins,

We are writing to express our thanks for your efforts last week in restoring more than $18 million to the Non-Defense Environmental Management account. As you are well aware, it is imperative at this critical time in the West Valley Demonstration Project decommissioning process that Congress provide the full $64 million appropriation for the WVDP, and we hope that the amount restored to the Non-Defense Environmental Management account will allow the WVDP to move forward with a $64 million budget.

We would also welcome the opportunity to meet with you during the recess to review activities at the West Valley Demonstration Project and discuss longer term solutions to the continual funding struggle. Revisiting this issue yearly is not in anyone’s interest. The issue could be resolved, of course, by budgeting at the $75 million level that the U.S. Department of Energy had intended. Funding at this level would get the job done on time or ahead of schedule, and would save millions on the unavoidable annual “min safe” costs.

Sincerely,

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