

by Mr. Marsh and Mr. Snyder, Sr.
and Ms. Edstrom, Mr. Edwards, Mr. Felton, Mr. Klancer, Mr. McElfresh,
Mr. Snyder, Jr., Mrs. Stockman, Mr. Teachman, Ms. Vickman, Mr. Weller,
Mr. Koch, Mrs. Labuhn, Mr. Lamberson, Mr. Padlo and Mr. Sprague

**REQUESTING FEDERAL GOVERNMENT TO RESTORE AND
STABILIZE FUNDING FOR WEST VALLEY
DEMONSTRATION PROJECT CLEANUP**

Pursuant to Section 153 of the County Law.

I. WHEREAS, the President's 2015 federal budget request included only \$60.5 million for the West Valley Demonstration Project (WVDP), and

II. WHEREAS, when the Department of Energy issued its Decommissioning Environmental Impact Statement in 2010, it assumed that Phase 1 Decommissioning activities could be completed in ten years with an annual federal appropriation of \$75 million, and

III. WHEREAS, since that time, the annual federal appropriation has generally been between \$60 and \$65 million, and this level of funding has significantly impacted the 10-year schedule for Phase 1 decommissioning activities, and

IV. WHEREAS, if the WVDP receives an annual federal appropriation of just \$60 million throughout Phase 1, it will take 20 years to complete, which is twice as long as DOE initially estimated when they assumed funding would remain at the \$75 million level, and

V. WHEREAS, the extension of Phase 1 Decommissioning from 10 years to 20 years will add \$200 million to the total project cost, and

VI. WHEREAS, we strongly encourage the Department of Energy to restore WVDP funding to the \$75 million level that was anticipated when the Final Environmental Impact Statement was released in 2010, in order to continue the cleanup project on schedule and as expeditiously as possible, now, therefore, be it

I. RESOLVED, that the Cattaraugus County Legislature hereby requests the federal government restore WVDP funding to the current \$75 million that was anticipated when the Final Environmental Impact Statement and Record of Decision were issued in 2010, and be it further

II. RESOLVED, that this level of funding be stabilized for 10 years to complete all Phase 1 decommissioning work, and be it further

III. RESOLVED, that the County Administrator is hereby directed to forward copies of this resolution to US Secretary of Energy Moniz; Senators Schumer and Gillibrand; Congressmen Reed; Higgins & Collins; Governor Cuomo; State Senator Young; Assembly Member Giglio; Bryan Bower, USDOE Director of the WVDP; and Paul Bembia, NYSERDA Director of the West Valley Site Management Program.

STATE OF NEW YORK)
COUNTY OF CATTARAUGUS)

I, Lori A. Pangborn, Deputy Clerk of the Legislature of the County of Cattaraugus, New York, do hereby certify that I have compared the foregoing resolution with the original thereof on file in my office and duly adopted by said Legislature at a meeting of said Legislature on the 26th day of March, 2014, and that the same is a true and correct copy of such resolution and of the whole thereof.

In testimony whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the seal of said County this 27th day of March, 2014.


Deputy Clerk Cattaraugus County Legislature