

## West Valley Cleanup Contractor Receives 80 Percent of Possible Award Fee



CH2M HILL BWXT West Valley workers place a vertical storage cask liner on a construction pad.

**WEST VALLEY, N.Y.** – CH2M HILL BWXT West Valley (CHBWV), the cleanup contractor for the [West Valley Demonstration Project \(WVDP\)](#), earned \$360,000 of a possible \$450,694 award fee for the March to August 2016 performance period, according to a [recently released scorecard](#).

CHBWV received a “very good” rating for safety, health, and quality management; business and project management; and environmental and regulatory strategy.

“The team made remarkable progress in accomplishing the cleanup mission in 2016,” [EM Federal Project Director Bryan Bower](#) said.

Contractor award fee evaluations determine what will be paid based on performance against stated objectives in accordance with annual award fee plans. EM releases information relating to contractor fee payments to further transparency.

According to EM’s final performance evaluation for CHBWV:

With more than 2.1 million safe work hours, the contractor continued its commitment to safety excellence. CHBWV received [DOE’s Voluntary Protection Program Star of Excellence](#) for a second consecutive year, conducted excellent coordination with off-site emergency responders, implemented a first-rate radiological controls program and continued efforts to enhance the emergency management program.

CHBWV submitted quality and timely contract deliverables, and continued its commitment to improve cybersecurity. The contractor exceeded the DOE strategic sourcing goals for fiscal year 2016, saving money in procurements through e-sourcing, a procurement tool.

The contractor’s partnering efforts were “excellent,” its problem solving and work planning and control were “very good” and its risk management was “good.”

EM attributed the “very good” environmental and regulatory strategy rating to CHBWV’s regulatory work activities relative to project implementation, “good” coordination with DOE staff, and “very strong” liaison work with regulators and stakeholders.



EM noted that CHBWV met a majority of performance goals and objectives for the evaluation period.

Bower cited several CHBWV accomplishments over the past year, including:

- Completing a high-level waste relocation project, including construction of the storage pad and haul road;
- Constructing 56 vertical concrete storage casks lined with carbon-steel containers, each for holding five canisters of vitrified high-level waste, welded closed and transported to an onsite interim storage pad;
- Loading and transport of three large, low-level waste packages mostly by rail to a permanent disposal site in Andrews, Texas;
- Deactivating 97 percent of the Vitrification Facility to prepare for demolition in 2017; and
- Deactivating 58 percent of the Main Plant Process Building to prepare for eventual demolition.

“I am very proud of their accomplishments and look forward to working together in 2017 to safely begin demolition of the Vitrification Facility,” Bower said.

Once the site of the first and only commercial nuclear fuel reprocessing plant in the U.S., WVDP is now an environmental cleanup and waste management project located about 35 miles south of Buffalo. The cleanup is conducted by EM in cooperation with the New York State Energy Research and Development Authority.

View CHBWV’s scorecard [here](#).