

Lecture to discuss heavy rainfall's impact on West Valley N-waste



The West Valley Demonstration Project site.

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A Hamburg geologist who is a member of the West Valley Citizen Task Force will give a lecture next week about how the climate could impact decision-making for cleanup work at the West Valley Demonstration Project.

Raymond C. Vaughan, who has served on various local environmental and conservation boards and organizations, will be the guest speaker at the Western New York chapter of the American Meteorological Society's monthly meeting Tuesday evening at SUNY Buffalo State.

The meeting, open to the public, will be held at 7 p.m. Tuesday in Classroom Building Room A 209 at Buffalo State.

Society officials said Vaughan will explain whether climatic changes and anomalously heavy rainfall can be predicted well enough to be relied on in making decisions regarding cleanup of the site at West Valley. State and federal agencies have a 2020 deadline to decide whether radioactive wastes stored at West Valley should be dug up and removed.