



West Valley Cleanup Contractor Receives 66 Percent of Available Award Fee



CH2M HILL BWXT West Valley employees at work at the West Valley Demonstration Project.

WEST VALLEY, N.Y. – [EM's](#) cleanup contractor at the [West Valley Demonstration Project](#) (WVDP) earned \$300,000 of a possible \$455,971 award fee for the March to August 2017 performance period, according to a [recently released scorecard](#).

EM noted that CH2M HILL BWXT West Valley (CHBWV) met the majority of performance goals and objectives for the period. The contractor received a “very good” rating for safety, health, quality, and business management; “good” for project management; and “satisfactory” for environmental and regulatory strategy.

Under EM's CHBWV contract, 80 percent of the award fee is tied to objective cost and schedule incentives that are “at risk” until the contract's end. While CHBWV has had significant success during this rating period, schedule incentive fee for this work is provisional and cost incentives are not earned until the entire performance work statement is completed.

“CHBWV has had a very successful year,” EM Federal Project Director Bryan Bower said. “During this last rating period, CHBWV was able to safely complete deactivation of the Vitrification Facility and conduct readiness activities for demolition. This allowed demolition to begin five months ahead of schedule. They are also ahead of schedule for safely completing the legacy waste milestone. The workforce is also well on its way to safely completing the deactivation of the Main Plant Process Building ahead of schedule. But



because of the way this contract is structured, these successes are only recognized when all the work is completed.”

Each year EM releases information relating to contractor fee payments — earned by completing the work called for in the contracts — to further transparency in its cleanup program.

According to EM’s performance evaluation for CHBWV:

The contractor responded appropriately to safety related incidents and paid strong attention to detail during receipt inspection of waste boxes. The contractor also conducted employee safety interviews and obtained corporate support to review safety related incidents.

CHBWV submitted quality and timely contract deliverables and continued its commitment to cybersecurity. The contractor achieved 211 percent of its annual strategic sourcing goal and did a “good job” supporting all information requests.

The contractor streamlined data management and reporting, and provided EM more accurate and timely variance analysis information to improve project management. EM noted CHBWV’s “poor planning” to prepare for the site’s Vitrification Facility demolition readiness assessment.

The contractor’s routine regulatory reports were well organized and submitted on time. However, CHBWV demonstrated reluctance to proactively partner with EM to develop solutions to issues.

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](#).

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WVDP Food Drive Exceeds Goal, Collects Food for Nine Local Pantries



Volunteers from the West Valley Demonstration Project prepare to load and deliver 102,000 pounds of food to nine local pantries.

WEST VALLEY, N.Y. – [EM](#) employees at the [West Valley Demonstration Project](#) (WVDP) recently collected 102,000 pounds of food for hundreds of families in need — enough turkeys and other items for nine local pantries — surpassing their goal by more than 2,000 pounds.

The WVDP Food Drive is an annual tradition that has collected approximately 1.7 million pounds of food since its inception in 1989.

Each food pantry provides a list of needed items so organizers can maximize cash donations through partnerships with local stores. The stores use their buying power to obtain listed items at or below wholesale prices.



West Valley Demonstration Project volunteers collected more than 100,000 pounds to donate to nine local food pantries just in time for the holidays.

“The success of this year’s food drive speaks volumes to the generosity and kindness of our employees, partners, and subcontractors,” said Lettie Chilson, facility manager for WVDP cleanup contractor CH2M HILL BWXT West Valley, and food drive lead. “It shows the positive impact that kindness can have on a community.”

In November, volunteers formed two teams to deliver hundreds of cases of food and 360 turkeys to the following food pantries: Fellowship Hill Ministries (Springville), Delevan Methodist Church, Catholic Charities Outreach (Franklinville), Saving Grace OutReach (Cattaraugus), Master’s Plan (Dayton), United Church of Christ (Ellicottville), Concord Food Pantry, Little Valley Baptist Church, and West Valley Food Pantry.

“I am honored to be a part of an event that makes a difference in our community,” EM Project Director Bryan Bower said. “The amount of food collected each year demonstrates the generosity and kindness of our employees.”



Volunteers from the West Valley Demonstration Project (WVDP) unload a pallet containing more than 200 bags of food for the Saving Grace OutReach Food Pantry in Cattaraugus, N.Y. Left to right, American DND Vice President Bill Schaab and CH2M HILL BWXT West Valley (CHBWV) Facility Disposition Operations Manager Scott Chase (in truck); Saving Grace volunteers Brian Moses and Dan Minner; EM WVDP Project Director Bryan Bower; CHBWV Facility Manager Lettie Chilson; and CHBWV President and General Manager Jeff Bradford and his wife, Gwen.



Volunteers from the West Valley Demonstration Project unload a pallet containing more than 200 bags of food for the West Valley Food Pantry. Left to right, CH2M HILL BWXT West Valley (CHBWV) Strategic Operations & Facility Disposition Manager Jason Casper; CHBWV Regulatory Strategy Manager Janice Williams; American DND Waste Operations Specialist Don Vandermeer; American DND Project Coordinator Frank Brown; and CHBWV Waste Operations Manager Peggy Loop.

The WVDP Food Drive thanked the following businesses and organizations:

- International Association of Machinists and Aerospace Workers, Lodge 2401, which provided a monetary contribution for food;
- Test America and Southern Springs Construction and their employees donated cases of food;
- American DND, RJR Engineering, InTomes, MHF Logistics, MJW, and Sanders Parkview Supermarket donated food, in-kind services, rental trucks for delivery, and community support;
- DV Brown, Buffalo Fuel Corporation, SLR and Container Products Corporation provided food and monetary donations; and
- DOE and the New York State Energy Research and Development Authority provided monetary contribution from employees for food.

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