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David K. Garman, Under Secretary
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Dear Under Secretary Garman, *David*

It was a pleasure to meet with you recently with Governor Pataki and Secretary Bodman to discuss our mutual energy interests. From my perspective the meeting was productive in that it gave us an opportunity to make you and the Secretary aware of the energy policy initiatives that the Pataki Administration has underway in New York.

On a unrelated topic, I want to touch base with you on a significant recent development concerning the West Valley Demonstration Project site in New York. The United States Environmental Protection Agency recently put forward a proposal for the cleanup of the West Valley site that could help to resolve some of the issues that have impeded progress at the site. Enclosed is a letter from Paul Piciulo, NYSERDA's West Valley Director to Alan Steinberg, EPA's Region II Administrator that summarizes the EPA's cleanup proposal.

We understand that DOE staff at the meeting, including Frank Marcinowski, will be raising this proposal for discussion among DOE senior management. It is my hope that DOE views this proposal favorably and quickly communicates this view to NYSERDA and all of the parties involved. We look forward to discussing and resolving these issues with DOE. Please call me if you would like to discuss the proposal in greater detail. Thank you.

Sincerely,

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