

# West Valley Citizen Task Force Accomplishments

1997-2006

# Major Accomplishments



- ✓ Nine members have served the entire time (9 plus years) on CTF
- ✓ Submitted a Final Recommendations Report to DOE and NYSERDA after initial 18 months of deliberations
- ✓ Provided testimony at two public hearings
- ✓ Sent a total of 35 letters to elected officials, governmental agencies, and stakeholders on issues important to West Valley
- ✓ Established five standing work groups (Technical, Future Site Use, Legislative, Agenda, and Education)
- ✓ Traveled to various destinations across the U.S. to attend radioactive waste workshops, conferences, site tours and meetings
- ✓ Established working relationships with the Western New York Congressional delegation
- ✓ Established its own website ([www.westvalleyctf.org](http://www.westvalleyctf.org))
- ✓ Continue to provide input on critical issues

# 1996



DOE/EIS-0226-D

## VOLUME II

Department of Energy,  
New York State Energy Research  
and Development Authority

**Draft Environmental  
Impact Statement**  
for  
**Completion of the West Valley  
Demonstration Project**  
and  
**Closure or Long-Term  
Management of Facilities  
at the Western New York  
Nuclear Service Center**

January 1996

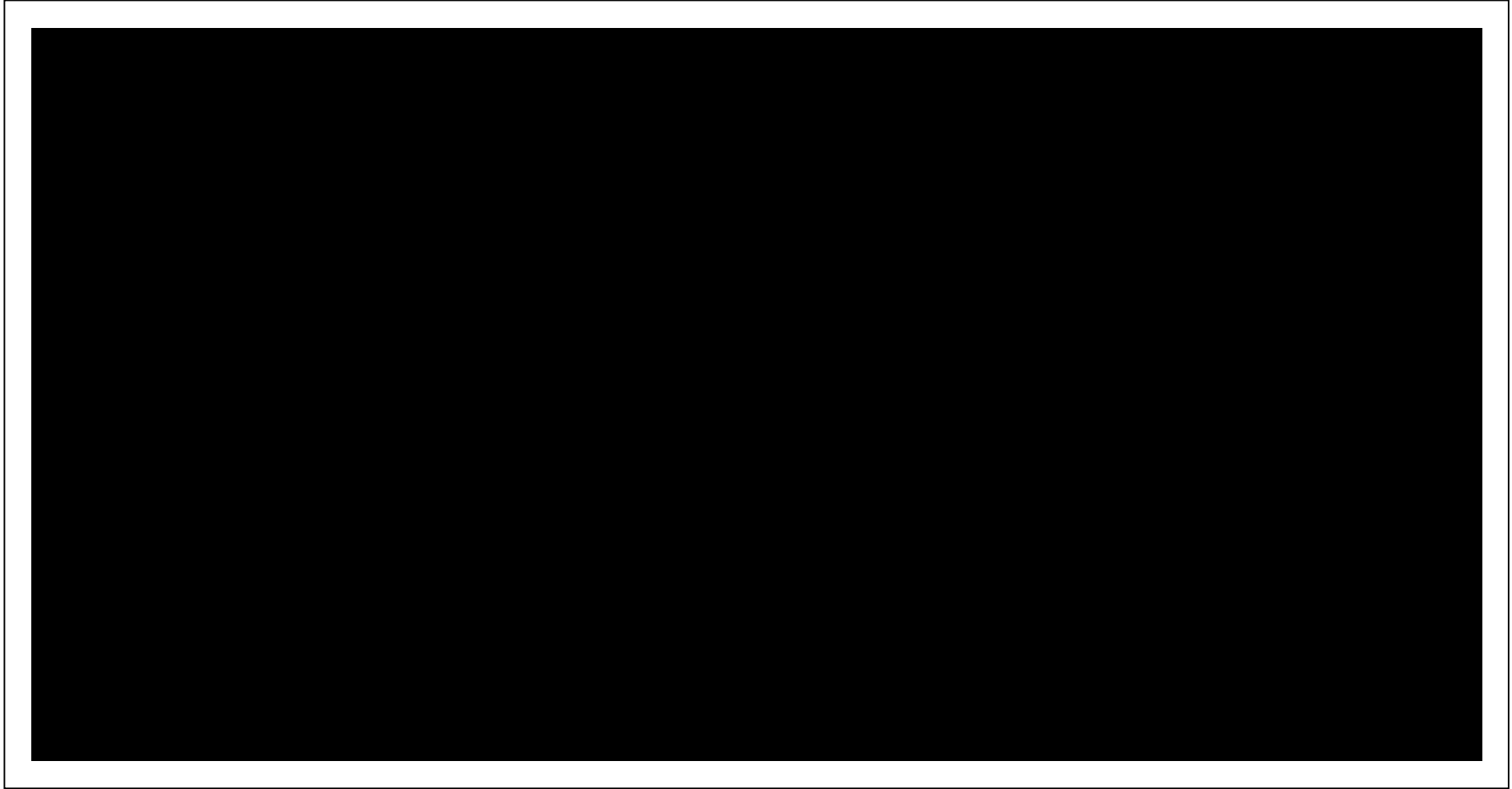
U.S. Department of Energy  
New York State Energy Research and Development Authority

During the development of the 1996 DEIS, NYSERDA perceived a need for broader public participation, above and beyond the public comments on the DEIS, to help in the development of a closure option for the Center.

Forming a community advisory group seemed to be the best way to ensure that the issues and concerns of the community were understood.

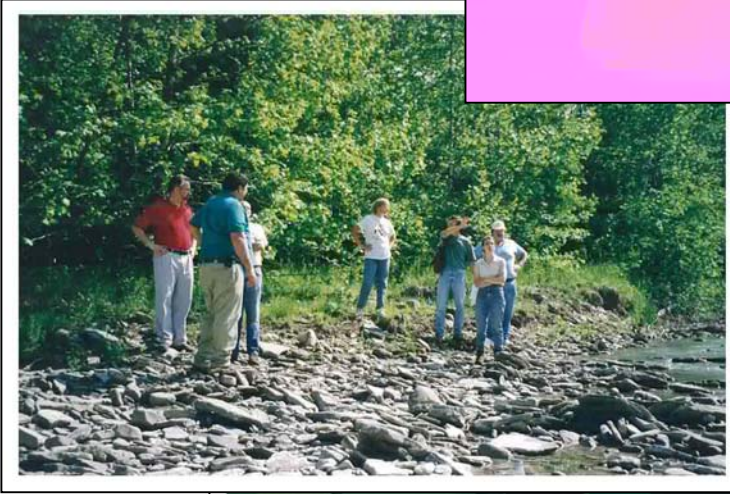
NYSERDA, along with the support of DOE, initiated the formation of the West Valley Citizen Task Force.

# 1997



The first meeting of the West Valley Citizen Task Force was held in late January 1997.

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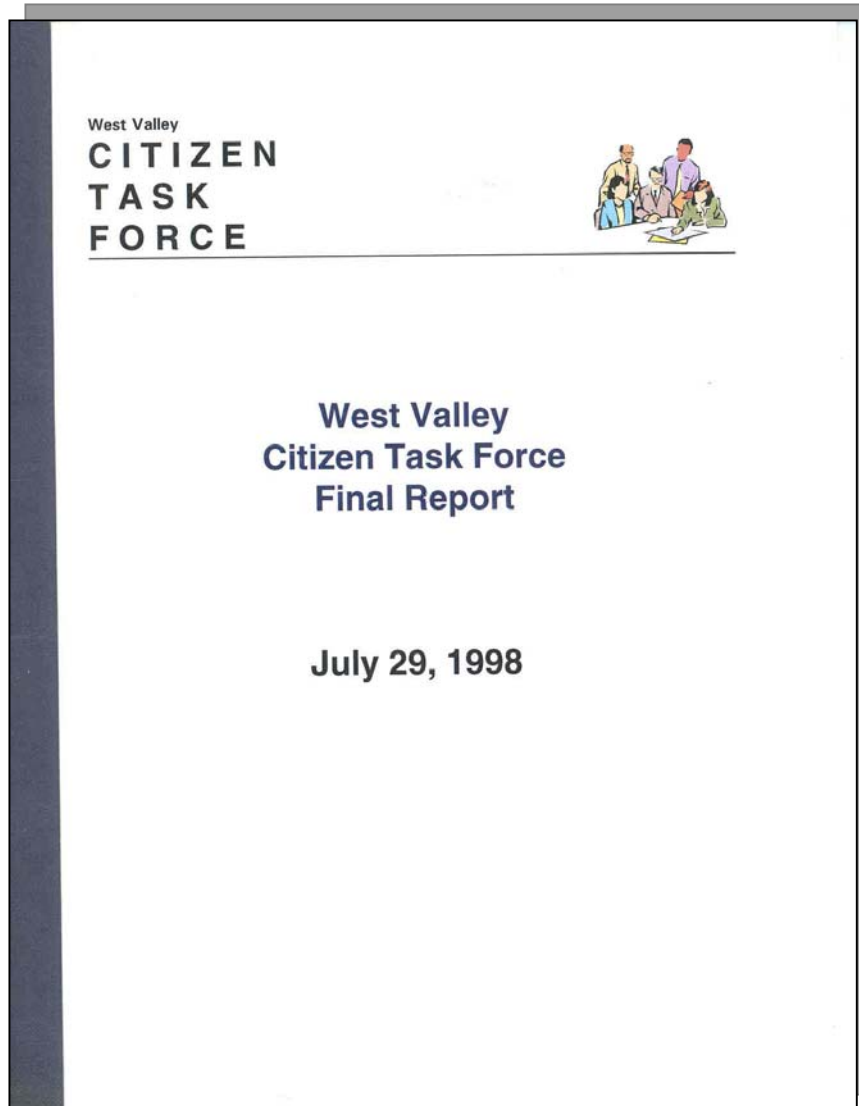


12 months of intensive review and discussions -- meetings, informal discussions, site tours, table top exercises – to understand the complexities of the site and decisions facing DOE and NYSERDA.

# 1998



Beginning in March, the CTF spent four months drafting, redrafting, and finalizing its recommendations report. The report was submitted to DOE and NYSERDA in July 1998.



## Primary Recommendations

West Valley Site not suitable for long-term permanent storage or disposal of wastes

Decisions regarding management of wastes should be guided by the belief that the only appropriate final action is for them to be removed from the site.

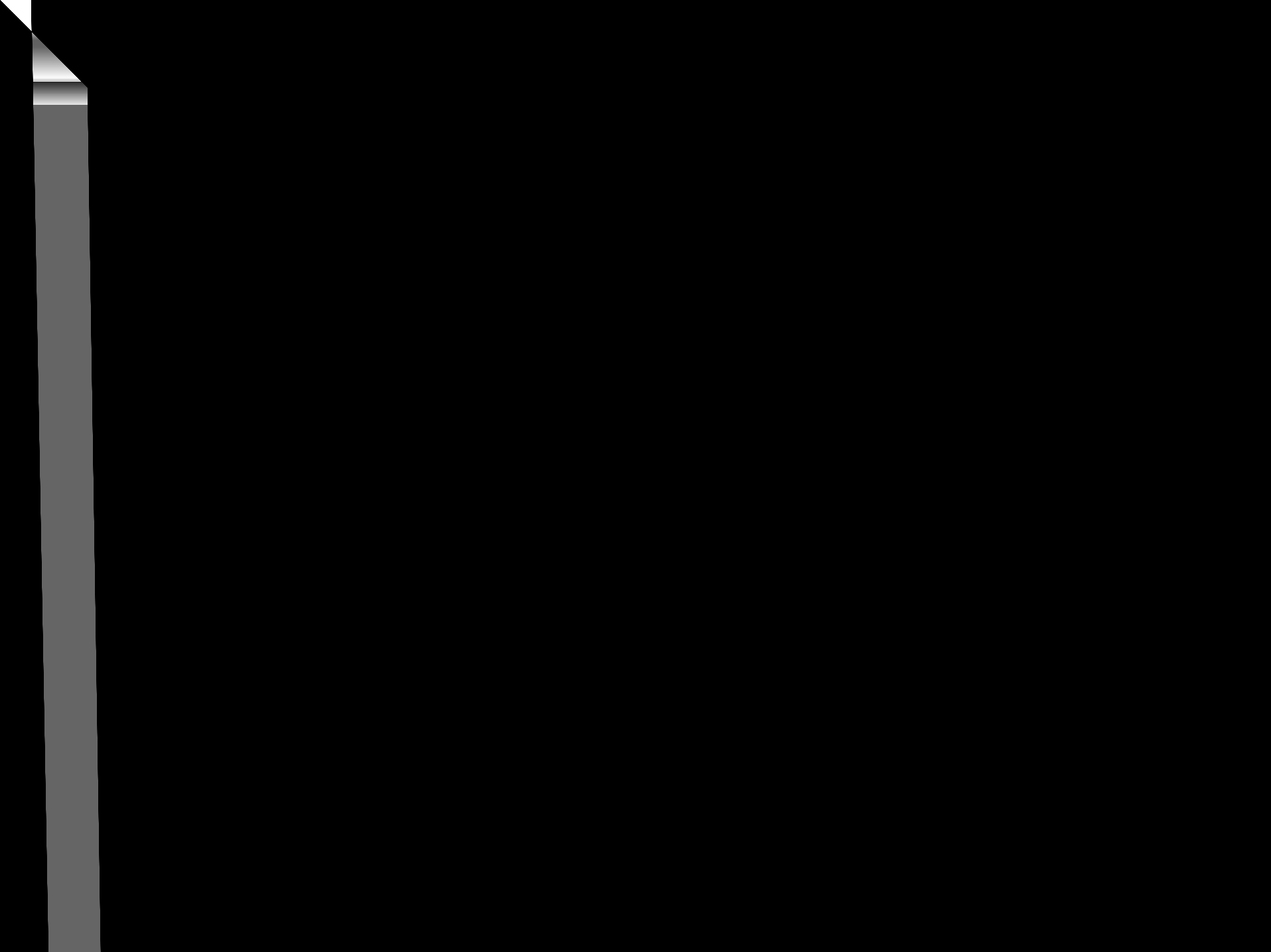
If wastes cannot be excavated and stored in the near future, a description of when and how such actions will take place should be provided in the Preferred Alternative.

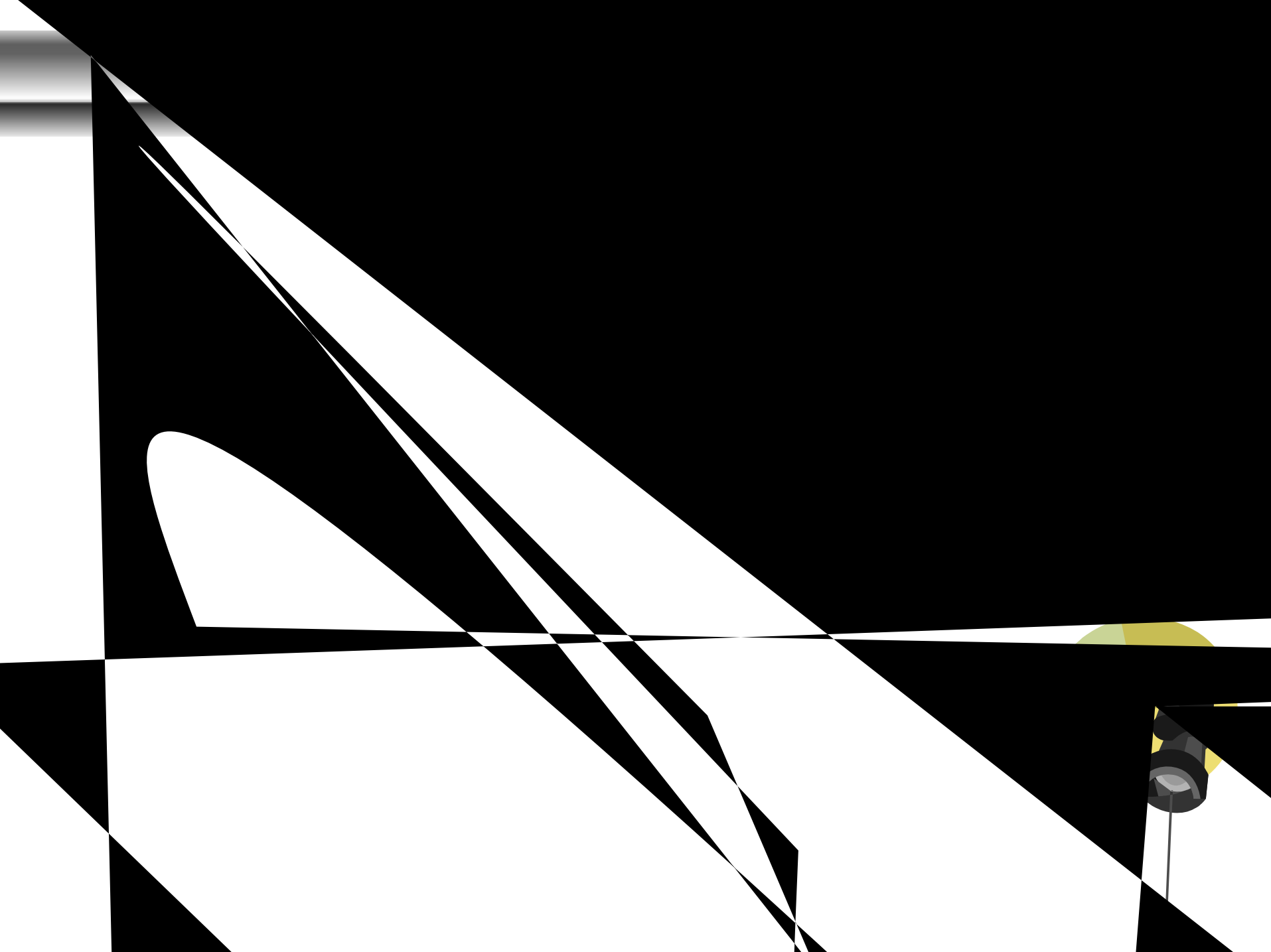
# 1998

CTF Members attend DOE  
League of Women Voters  
National Dialogue on  
radioactive waste management  
in San Diego, CA



CTF Members have  
attended four DOE High-  
Level Waste Tank Closure  
Workshops since 1997.

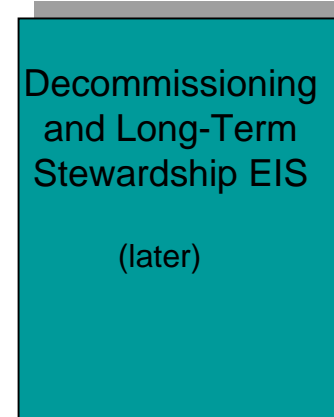
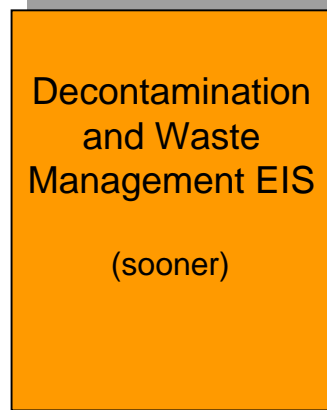




# 2000



Split



CTF requests assistance from Western New York Congressional Delegation to help resolve disagreements between NYSERDA and DOE

# 2001



## CTF Mission Revised

- DEIS for Decontamination and Waste Management;
- DEIS for Decommissioning including the development of the preferred alternative;
- NRC Policy Statement for Decontamination and Decommissioning;
- Long-Term Stewardship; and
- Future Land Use Options.



CTF asks Western New York Congressional Delegation to intercede in restoring proposed funding cuts at West Valley.

GAO

United States  
Report to Congressional

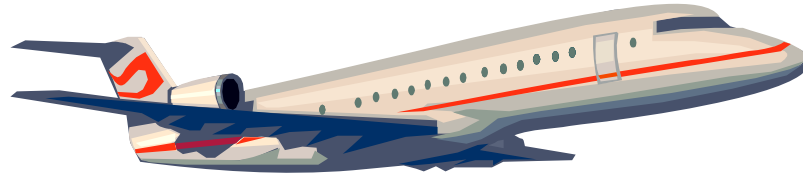
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NUCLEAR WASTE

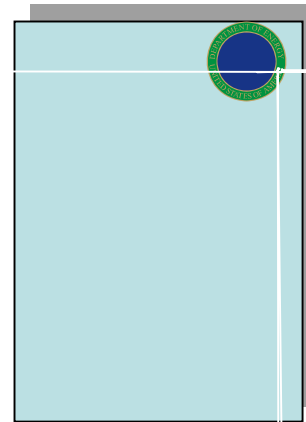




# 2002



CTF Trip to Washington, DC to meet with Congressional representatives about disagreements between NYSERDA and DOE, workforce layoffs, and funding cuts. DOE Accelerated Cle

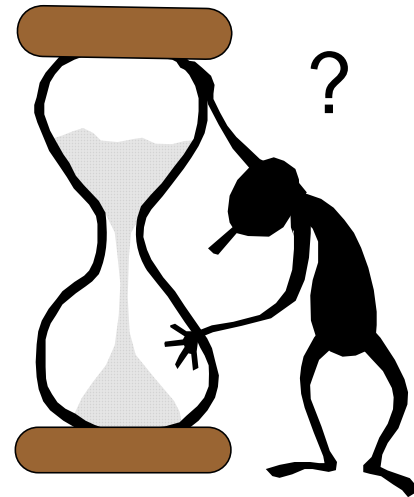


2002



CTF requests assistance from Western New York Congressional Delegation to resolve differences between NYSERDA and DOE.

CTF expresses concerns about DOE Accelerated Cleanup Plan.



CTF requests Congressional funding for developing strategy for future site reuse and economic redevelopment of the West Valley Site.

# 2003



CTF tours WVDP facilities to assess cleanup progress and future site reuse opportunities.



DOE Use of Risk-Based End-States

DOE issues Draft Implementation Plan, Policy 455.1, Use of Risk-Based End-States document. CTF provides comments on document.

# 2004 - 2005



NYSERDA drafts new legislation, with input from the CTF, in an attempt to resolve disagreements with DOE.

The image shows the cover of a report. At the top right is the ERA logo (Economics Research Associates). The title is "Final Report Draft: West Valley, NY - Redevelopment of the Nuclear Service Center Site". It is submitted to Southern Tier West, dated December 2005, with project number 15668. The cover features four images: a nuclear reactor, an aerial view of the site, a building, and a large blue pool. Contact information for ERA is provided at the bottom.

**ERA**  
Economics Research Associates

Final Report Draft  
**West Valley, NY -  
Redevelopment of the Nuclear Service Center Site**

Submitted to  
**Southern Tier West**

December 2005

ERA Project Number: 15668

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Site Reuse Study is conducted by Southern Tier West and Economic Research Associates.

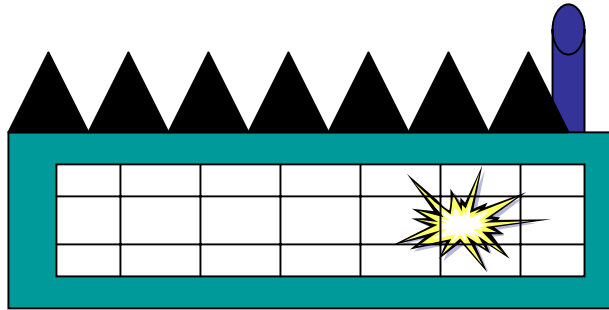
CTF provides written comments on several drafts of Site Reuse Study document.

2004

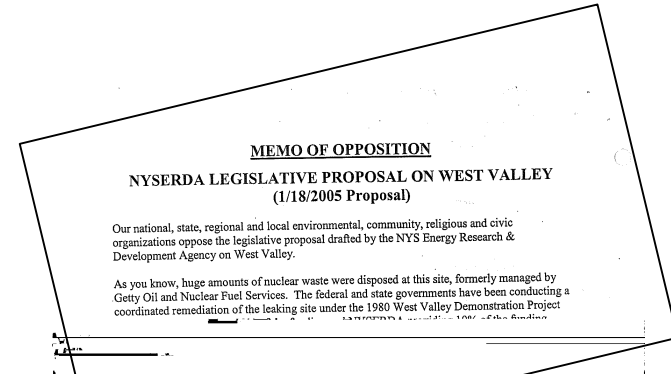


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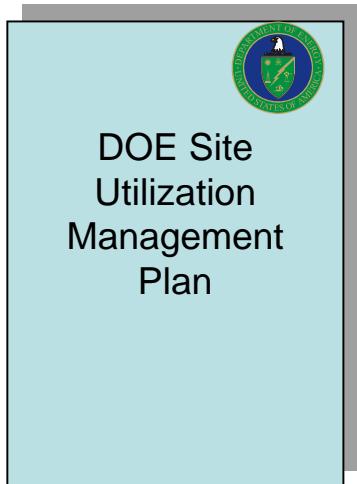
# 2005



Wyvern Group - proposed munitions recycling facility



Environmental groups raise concerns about West Valley Remediation Act.



DOE Site Utilization Management Plan



Full Cost Accounting Study Proposed.



CTF Website Established

# 2005

WV  
CTF

13 of 14 CTF members support NYSERDA's draft legislation. West Valley Remediation Act introduced in both the House and Senate.

109TH CONGRESS  
1ST SESSION

## H. R. 3101

To authorize the United States Department of Energy to remediate the Western New York Nuclear Service Center in the Town of Ashford, New York, and dispose of nuclear waste.

### IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JUNE 29, 2005

Mr. KUHLMAN of New York (for himself, Mr. BOEHLERT, Mr. REYNOLDS, and Mr. HIGGINS) introduced the following bill, which was referred to the Committee on Energy and Commerce

### A BILL

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1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*  
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6 **SEC. 2. FINDINGS AND PURPOSES.**

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## S. 1806

To authorize the United States Department of Energy to remediate the Western New York Nuclear Service Center in the Town of Ashford, New York, and dispose of nuclear waste.

### IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

SEPTEMBER 30, 2005

Mr. SCHUMER (for himself and Mrs. CLINTON) introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Environment and Public Works

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