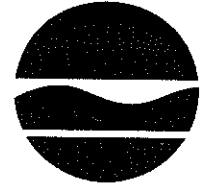


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Ms. Judy Einach  
Campaign Director  
Coalition on West Valley Nuclear Wastes  
19 Penfield Street  
Buffalo, New York 14213

Dear Ms. Einach:

This letter is a followup to our discussion regarding the Springville Dam during the March 28, 2007 West Valley Citizens Task Force Meeting. During that meeting the issue of the possible presence of radioactively contaminated sediments behind the Springville Dam was mentioned in the context of a Cattaraugus Creek Watershed Commission Committee discussion on the possibility of removing the dam. I spoke with you and Town of Concord Councilman Bill Snyder during a meeting break and briefly explained the 1995 activities of the DEC Radiation staff at the dam relative to this issue.

Enclosed with this letter is the information that you requested from our 1995 site visit reports. We were involved with this site because the Village of Springville, the owners of the site at that time, needed to dredge sediments from certain limited areas behind the dam and in the turbine spillway. The hydro-power plant was operational at the time and the dredging was needed to allow its continued operation. Given the history of radionuclide contamination of sediments behind the dam from the former NYSERDA...

operations at West Valley ended 30 years ago. Thus, the primary source of radionuclide contamination in the creek dates from that period and earlier. The current levels of discharges from Department of Energy operations at West Valley are orders of magnitude below those from NFS operations.

If you have any additional questions regarding this issue please give me a call at (518) 402-8579.

Sincerely,



Timothy B. Rice  
Environmental Radiation Specialist II

Enclosure

cc: B. Gerwitz, NYSERDA

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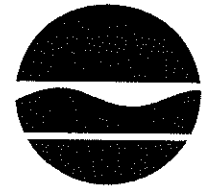
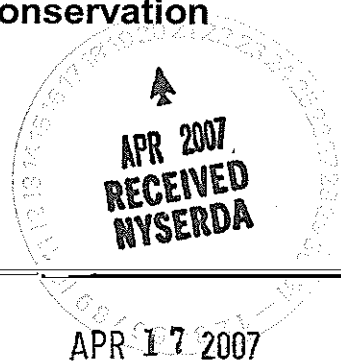
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The Honorable Bill Snyder  
Councilman, Town Hall  
86 Franklin Street  
PO Box 368  
Springville, NY 14141

Dear Mr. Snyder:

This letter is a followup to our discussion regarding the Springville Dam during the March 28, 2007 West Valley Citizens Task Force meeting. During that meeting the issue of the possible presence of radioactive contaminated sediment in the dam was discussed.

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caused by fallout from past atmospheric nuclear testing. As you know, spent-fuel reprocessing operations at West Valley ended 30 years ago. Thus, the primary source of radionuclide contamination in the creek dates from that period and earlier. The current levels of discharges from Department of Energy operations at West Valley are well below the levels of discharges

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