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West Valley Delayed Due to Contract Issues

At the largest of the ‘small sites,’ the West Valley Demonstration Project in upstate New York, DOE is anticipating a one-year delay in completing the interim cleanup of the site, which addresses remaining stocks

of legacy waste and some facility demolition. The cause for the West Valley delay is not due to regulatory

or technical issues, according to DOE, but more to delays in awarding the interim completion contract to replace current site cleanup contractor West Valley Nuclear Services Company (WVNSCO).

The Energy Dept. had previously planned last fall to award a three-year contract, running from FY07-2010

with an annual value of approximately \$75 million, for the West Valley interim completion project.

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DOE had planned to make the award by Nov. 1, 2006; that was pushed back to May 1, 2007 due to a call for

revised bids. Last month, though, DOE again sought new ‘Best and Final Offers’ from the three teams competing for the contract—a team consisting of incumbent Washington Group International, along with Jacobs and URS; a team consisting of CH2M HILL, Fluor, Areva and Duratek; and one led by the small business S.M. Stoller (*WC Monitor*, Vol. 18 No. 16). DOE officials have since declined to provide a new anticipated award date. “DOE expects to award the Interim End State contract in the near future,” Barnett said last week. “We expect that the scope of work in the Interim End State Request for Proposal could take

up to four years to complete. Since the award of the contract has been delayed, DOE now expects that the Interim End State work will be completed in FY 2011.”