

WEST VALLEY CITIZEN TASK FORCE 2005 ACTIVITIES AND ACCOMPLISHMENTS

CTF WORK PRODUCTS

West Valley Demonstration Project

- July 14, 2005 Draft comments on the WVDP Resource Conservation and Recovery Act (RCRA) Part B Permit Application (will continue working on this in 2006); and
- December 19, 2005 Draft comments on the WVDP Site Utilization Management Plan (will continue to work on this in 2006).

West Valley Remediation Act

- Reviewed and commented on several drafts of the West Valley Remediation Act, and subsequently endorsed the bill (with one minority opinion); and
- CTF Minority Report on the legislation.

Site Redevelopment

- Reviewed and commented on two separate draft reports prepared by Economic Research Associates for Southern Tier West, West Valley, NY - Redevelopment of the Nuclear Service Center.

CTF COMMUNICATION

Correspondence Received

- January 27, 2005 Letter from four environmental groups (Center for Health, Environment, and Justice; Citizen's Environmental Coalition, Nuclear Information & Resource Service, Coalition on West Valley Nuclear Wastes) regarding their concerns with the draft legislation (West Valley Remediation Act);
- January 30, 2005 Evaluation of NYSERDA's draft West Valley Remediation Act (WVRA) by Jim Rauch, Coalition on West Valley Nuclear Wastes;
- February 4, 2005 Response to CTF consensus support of the draft legislation (from CTF member Lee Lambert);
- February 18, 2005 Letter from 32 environmental groups regarding their concerns with the draft legislation (West Valley Remediation Act);
- February 24, 2005 NRC E-Mail response to CTF questions on the potential release of property at the West Valley site for redevelopment purposes;
- April 27, 2005 NYSERDA's comments on "Draft Report - *West Valley, NY - Redevelopment of the Nuclear Service Center Site*," February 2005, by Economics Research Associates for Southern Tier West;
- April 28, 2005 Letter from 32 environmental groups to Western New York Congressional delegation with comments on their opposition to the West Valley Remediation Act (including a memo of opposition and a call for an exhumation study with full-cost accounting);
- May 20, 2005 NYSERDA letter to Western New York Congressional delegation responding to comments of the environmental groups opposing the West Valley Remediation Act;
- June 2, 2005 Letter from William Dibble to CTF - concerns with grouting the high-level waste tanks in place, Federal defense waste in the SDA, schedule of cleanup, and DOE funding levels for 2006-2007;
- June 25, 2005 Letter from Joanne Hameister to CTF - clarifying environmentalism and its role in the history of the cleanup at West Valley;
- July 8, 2005 NYSERDA letter of invitation to NYS Assemblyman Joseph Giglio to serve on the CTF as a member;
- July 15, 2005 Cattaraugus County Legislature Resolution 363-05 - requesting U.S. House of Representatives to enact West Valley Remediation Act and U.S. Senate to introduce West Valley Remediation Act;
- August 24, 2005 Response from WVNSCO to CTF regarding groundwater infiltration into the Fuel Pool Storage Area;
- October 12, 2005 NYSERDA's comments on "Final Draft Report - *West Valley, NY - Redevelopment of the*

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Nuclear Service Center Site,” September 2005, by Economics Research Associates for Southern Tier West; and
November 7, 2005 DOE Letter of Invitation to CTF to attend Progress Tour event on December 3, 2005.

Correspondence Sent Out

February 1, 2005 Welcome letters to U.S. Representatives Higgins and Kuhl on new positions in Congress;
February 17, 2005 Invitation to individuals and organizations to make presentations to the CTF;
March 21, 2005 Thank you letter to Nevela McNeil for serving as a CTF member;
March 21, 2005 Thank you letter to John Allan for serving as a CTF member;
April 9, 2005 Letters to the Western New York Congressional delegation with resolutions from municipalities and school districts supporting the CTF recommended cleanup;
April 18, 2005 Thank you letter to Mark Mitskovski for serving as a CTF member;
April 21, 2005 Letter to four environmental groups (Center for Health, Environment, and Justice; Citizen’s Environmental Coalition, Nuclear Information & Resource Service, Coalition on West Valley Nuclear Wastes) regarding their participation in the CTF process);
April 27, 2005 CTF Review and Comment on the “Draft Report, *West Valley, NY - Redevelopment of the Nuclear Service Center Site*,” February 2005, by Economics Research Associates for Southern Tier West;
July 29, 2005 Letter to U.S. Senators Clinton and Schumer requesting introduction of the West Valley Remediation Act in the Senate;
October 13, 2005 CTF Review and Comment on “Final Report Draft, *West Valley, NY - Redevelopment of the Nuclear Service Center Site*,” September 2005, by Economics Research Associates for Southern Tier West;
November 8, 2005 Thank you letter to Gayla Gray for service as a CTF member;
November 12, 2005 Seneca Nation of Indians Resolution appointing Darwin John to serve as the SNI representative on the CTF;
November 14, 2005 Thank you letter to Governor Pataki on support for full WVDP funding;

19 CTF Meeting Summaries were sent to the CTF mailing list.

Other Meetings

- Several CTF members attended WVDP Quarterly Public Meetings throughout the year; and
- One CTF member attended the NRC Advisory Committee on Nuclear Waste (ACNW) discussion on water quality standards.

Website

- Development and maintenance of CTF web site, www.westvalleyctf.org.

CTF PROCESS

Meetings Held

- 12 CTF Meetings; and
- Seven Work Group meetings/conference calls.

Planning, Operations, and Membership

- Revised CTF Ground Rules - increasing the membership maximum from 16 to 17;
- Reviewed 2004 CTF Accomplishments;
- Evaluated CTF process for 2004 and discussed areas to improve;
- Four members were replaced during the year, one member and one alternate were added to the CTF; and
- Prepared and routinely revised the 2005 CTF Work Plan.

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Presentation Topics at CTF Meetings

- WVDP site work and regulatory activities;
 - Main Plant Decontamination
 - LLRW Shipping
 - Vitrification Dismantlement
 - WVNSCO Contract Extension
 - Unplanned Radiological Exposures to Workers
 - Infrastructure Reduction (Removing Office Trailers)
 - CPC/WSA Waste Processed through Remote-Handled Waste Facility
 - Workforce Restructuring
 - Workforce Relocation to Ashford Office Complex
 - Waste Management EIS Record of Decision
 - Workplace Safety Issues and Accomplishments
 - Community Service Activities
 - Fuel Pool Groundwater Infiltration
 - 2007 WVDP Budget
- NYSERDA's Revised Draft Legislation;
- Strategy for Disposition of Facilities and Equipment used at the WVDP;
- Draft report on the Redevelopment of the Nuclear Service Center Site (by ERA);
- Status of the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) Evaluations;
- Resource Conservation and Recovery Act (RCRA) Part B Permit Application and Closure Plans.;
- Release of Portions of the Site from the NRC License;
- Proposed Munitions Recycling Facility;
- Views of four environmental organizations regarding NYSERDA revised draft legislation;
- Regulators Communication Plan;
- Draft Decommissioning EIS;
- Waste Classification (Naming of Waste);
- Full-Cost Accounting Study;
- Integrated Regulatory Process Flowchart;
- DOE's Site Utilization Management Plan (SUMP); and
- North Plateau Ground Water Plume.

Ongoing Issues

- CTF interaction with the Western New York Congressional delegation and staff regarding the West Valley Remediation Act;
- Planning a visit to Mound/Miamisburg to learn more about site redevelopment options;
- Complete draft comments on the WVDP Resource Conservation and Recovery Act (RCRA) Part B Permit Application;
- Complete draft comments on the Site Utilization Management Plan (SUMP);
- Reuse vs. removal of site structures, such as Warehouse #2;
- Environmental Impact Statement completion schedule;
- Peer review of the performance assessment portion of the Draft EIS;
- WVDP contract and workforce issues;
- Waste Incidental to Reprocessing (WIR);
- Rail shipments of WVDP waste;
- Full-cost accounting study proposal;
- Partial release of land from the NRC license;
- Introduction of proposed legislation;
- Review of and action on CTF membership; and
- Development and revision of the CTF Work Plan for Calendar Year 2006.

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2005 NEWSPAPER COVERAGE

Buffalo News (1-29-05) "West Valley" New Legislation on Site Cleanup Nearly Done"
Buffalo News (2-25-05) "West Valley: Part, Museum Among Suggestions for Future of Demonstration Project"
Salamanca Press (2-28-05) "Federal Government Asked to Consider New WVDP Legislation"
Springville Journal (3-03-05) "New Legislation Drafted for West Valley Cleanup"
Buffalo News (4-27-05) "Firm to Give Proposal on Recycling Tonight"
Buffalo News (4-29-05) "Second Project Proposed for West Valley"
Jamestown Post-Journal 5-02-05) "Cleanup of West Valley Site Could Fall to Feds"
Springville Journal (5-26-05) "Cleanup Continues at West Valley Demonstration Project"
Buffalo News (5-26-05) "Ashford: Environmentalists Oppose Bill on West Valley Cleanup"
Olean Times Herald (6-09-05) "West Valley Cleanup Bill to be Introduced Next Week"
Salamanca Press (6-17-05) "Feds Decide on WVDP Waste Shipments"
Buffalo News (6-23-05) "Energy Authority May File Suit Over West Valley"
Buffalo News (7-13-05) "Schumer, Clinton Urged to Oppose West Valley Bill"
Buffalo News (7-18-05) "Federal Takeover of West Valley Pushed"
Buffalo News (7-29-05) "Citizen Task Force Expresses Concerns Over Waste Removal"
Buffalo News (8-29-05) "West Valley Nuclear Services: Ground Water Seepage in Pool Probed"
Salamanca Press (8-29-05) "Suit Filed Against Feds for Alleged Failure to Clean Up West Valley"
Buffalo News (9-14-05) "Renaming Nuclear Waste Won't Make it Any Safer" Letter to Editor from Lee Lambert.
Buffalo News (10-01-05) "West Valley Uses Include Training Site"
Buffalo News (12-02-05) "DOE Backs Revised Plan for Site Use: Citizen Group, State Officials Concerned"
Salamanca Press (12-05-05) "Citizens Concerned About Feds Plan for West Valley"
Olean Times Herald (12-09-05) "West Valley Cleanup Plan not Popular"