



Department of Energy

West Valley Demonstration Project
10282 Rock Springs Road
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Dear Stakeholder:

The U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) is extending the public comment period for the *Draft Environmental Assessment for the Decontamination, Demolition, and Removal of Various Facilities at the West Valley Demonstration Project* (DOE/EA-1552). This Draft EA is part of DOE's ongoing cleanup of the West Valley Demonstration Project (WVDP).

The Draft EA evaluates the potential environmental impacts of demolishing and removing a set of 42 structures and other facilities which have been or are currently used by the WVDP that, because of their design, function, and lack of significant source term, are not expected, either individually or collectively, to affect long-term site management decisions. Long-term site management issues will be addressed in a Decommissioning Environmental Impact Statement currently under development that will be issued at a later date.

The Draft EA was released for public review on June 29, 2006. A 14-day comment period was scheduled to end July 13, 2006. The official period has been extended to July 29, 2006. In addition, the public meeting planned for July 12 to receive oral comments has been rescheduled for July 19 to provide interested individuals more time to prepare.

The public comment session on July 19, 2006 will be held at the Ashford Office Complex, 9030 Route 219, West Valley, New York from 7 – 9 p.m. To register to submit an oral comment or to request a copy of the Draft EA, contact WVDP Communications at (716) 942-2152 or via e-mail to sonja.allen@wvnsco.com. The Draft EA is also available on-line at the DOE West Valley Web site, www.wv.doe.gov.

If you have any questions, please contact Ms. Catherine Bohan at (716) 942-4159 or Catherine.M.Bohan@wv.doe.gov.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "B.C. Bower".

Bryan C. Bower, Acting Director
West Valley Demonstration Project

