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Phase 1 Studies Update to the West Valley Citizens' Task Force

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Status of Studies Initiated

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- Climate Change Workshop held August 2, 2012
 - Guidance report expected to be released in early November 2012
- Three Potential Areas of Study (PAS) Initiated:
 - Erosion:
 - Recommendation developed and presented at the August 22, 2012 Quarterly Public Meeting
 - Recommendation and public comments provided to Independent Scientific Panel (ISP) who will provide input by October 2012
 - Next steps: DOE/NYSERDA determine a path forward for the studies, followed by Study Plan development by Erosion Subject Matter Experts (SMEs)
 - Engineered Barriers: Recommendation anticipated mid-November 2012
 - Exhumation: Kickoff anticipated October 2012; Recommendation anticipated within 90 days following kickoff

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Welcome

The U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) and the New York State Energy Research and Development Authority (NYSERDA) selected Phased Decision-making as the path forward for Decommissioning and/or Long-Term Stewardship of the West Valley Demonstration Project (WVDP) and Western New York Nuclear Service Center (WNYNSC).

Under the Phased Decision making alternative, the work will be conducted in two phases. During Phase 1, which began in 2011 and will take about 10 years, a number of highly contaminated facilities at the WVDP will be removed. Also, during Phase 1, DOE and NYSERDA intend to conduct additional scientific studies (hereafter "Phase 1 Studies") in order to facilitate interagency consensus to complete decommissioning of the remaining facilities at the WVDP and WNYNSC during Phase 2 of the Phased Decisionmaking alternative.

NYSERDA and DOE are committed to conducting Phase 1 Studies through a process that involves input from Subject Matter Experts (SME), an Independent Scientific Panel (ISP), the regulatory agencies and the public.

Guiding Principles

DOE and NYSERDA agree that the Phase 1 Study process will be conducted in accordance with the following guiding principles:

- The studies will be based on recognized scientific principles.
- The studies will be of sufficient scope to address the key issues, with consideration of recommendations by the SME and the ISP and input from the regulatory agencies and the public.
- The studies will be scoped such that study findings will be available within 8 years of the Phase 1 decision described in the April 2010 DOE Record of Decision and the May 2010 NYSERDA Findings Statement.

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