



THE WEST VALLEY CITIZEN TASK FORCE

Via Email ONLY

July 17, 2013

Congressman Tom Reed
23rd District - New York
89 West Market Street
Corning, NY 14830

Congressman Brian Higgins
726 Exchange Street
Suite 601
Buffalo, NY 14210

RE: **FY14 West Valley Demonstration Project Budget**

Dear Congressmen Reed and Higgins,

We are writing to express our thanks for your efforts last week in restoring more than \$18 million to the Non-Defense Environmental Management account. As you are well aware, it is imperative at this critical time in the West Valley Demonstration Project decommissioning process that Congress provide the full \$64 million appropriation for the WVDP, and we hope that the amount restored to the Non-Defense Environmental Management account will allow the WVDP to move forward with a \$64 million budget.

We would also welcome the opportunity to meet with you during the recess to review activities at the West Valley Demonstration Project and discuss longer term solutions to the continual funding struggle. Revisiting this issue yearly is not in anyone's interest. The issue could be resolved, of course, by budgeting at the \$75 million level that the U.S. Department of Energy had intended. Funding at this level would get the job done on time or ahead of schedule, and would save millions on the unavoidable annual "min safe" costs.

Sincerely,

A collection of handwritten signatures in black ink, including names like Eric W. Wohlens, Christopher C. Liberty, and others, arranged in two rows.

The West Valley Citizen Task Force

eCopy: Representative Chris Collins

Senator Charles Schumer

Senator Kirsten Gillibrand

David Huizenga, Senior Advisor, DOE Environmental Management

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