



THE WEST VALLEY CITIZEN TASK FORCE

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Dr. Monica Regalbuto, Associate Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary
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Mr. John B. Rhodes, President and Chief Executive Officer
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RE: West Valley Demonstration Project FY 2016 and 2017 Funding

Dear Mr. Whitney, Ms. Regalbuto and Mr. Rhodes,

Each year the West Valley Citizen Task Force reaches out to the Department of Energy and members of congress concerning funding for the West Valley Demonstration Project (WVDP). From our conversations with congressional staff we know that it is easier for Congress to support a request of the President rather than supplement the President's request.

In recent years WVDP has proven that it can use the funding it receives in an effective and efficient manner, accomplishing work safely and modeling processes that benefit the entire DOE complex. WVDP is unique in many respects but notably of late is the degree of consensus among DOE, NYSERDA, regulators, the Citizen Task Force and others about the Phase 1 work.

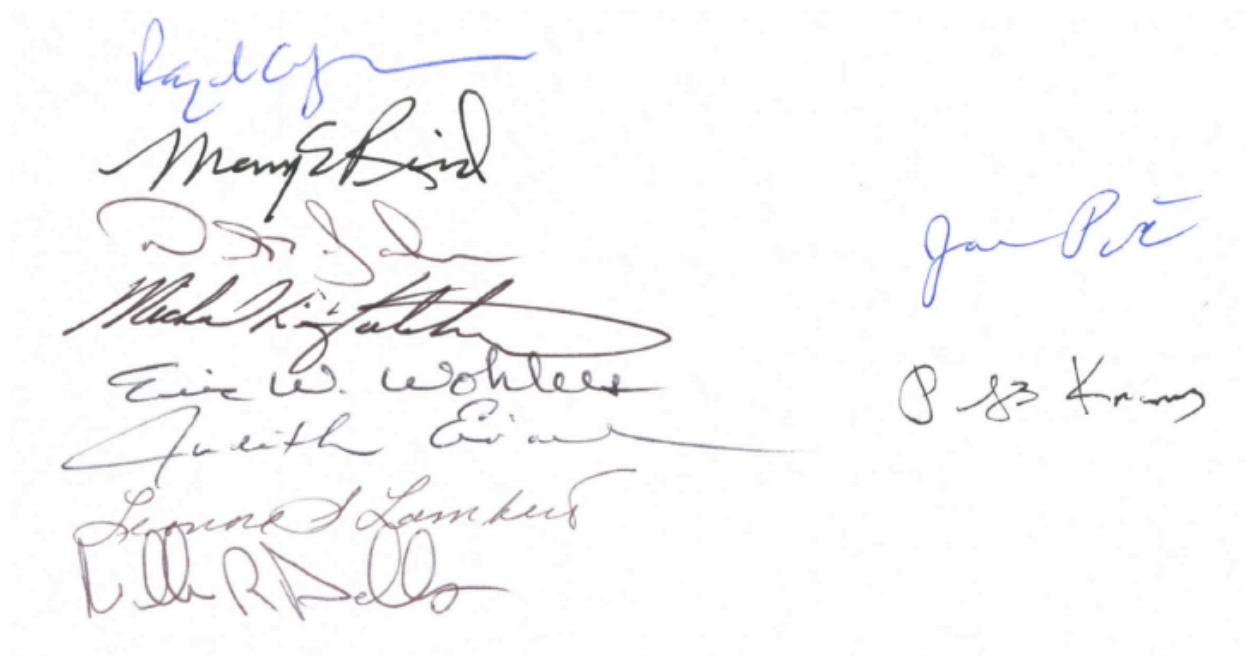
We are well aware that in the coming weeks the Department of Energy will be submitting its proposed budget to the President and the Office of Management and Budget. Through budget amendments in recent years Congressman Reed and Higgins have initiated funding increases for WVDP. Those increase were very helpful yet still fell well short of the levels projected in the Final Environmental Impact

Statement for Phase 1. In December Senator Schumer wrote to the President seeking his support for FY 2016 funding of the WVDP in the amount of \$75 million.

As you consider the FY 2017 WVDP allocation we hope you will take these efforts of the Western New York Congressional delegation as a clear signal of interest in a higher level of funding. We ask that you request \$75 million in funding for WVDP for 2017.

Lastly, we welcome each of you to your new leadership roles. We hope that you will visit the site and would like to extend an invitation to meet with us at your convenience.

Sincerely,

A collection of handwritten signatures in blue ink. On the left side, there are seven signatures stacked vertically: the first is a stylized signature, followed by 'Mangelsheid', 'Don J...', 'Maha Kizilath', 'Eric W. Wohlers', 'Jueth E...', 'Lorne Lambert', and 'Bill R...'. On the right side, there are two more signatures: 'Jan P...' and 'P. S. K...'. The signatures are written on a light-colored background.

West Valley Citizen Task Force

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- Honorable Charles Schumer, U.S. Senate
- Honorable Kirsten Gillibrand, U.S. Senate
- Honorable Tom Reed, NY 23rd Congressional District, Olean Office
- Honorable Brian Higgins, NY 26th Congressional District, Buffalo Office
- Bryan Bower, Director, West Valley Demonstration Project, U.S. DOE
- Paul Bembia, Director, West Valley Site Management Program, NYSERDA