

## **Department of Energy**

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West Valley Citizen Task Force P.O. Box 270270 West Hartford, CT 06127-0270

Dear Task Force Members:

Thank you for your February 6, 2017, letter regarding funding of the cleanup effort at West Valley Demonstration Project (WVDP) under the Fiscal Year (FY) 2018 budget.

In the past year, significant progress has been made at WVDP. The High Level Waste Canister Relocation (removal from the Main Plant Process Building) was completed ahead of schedule in November 2016 and the removal of 64 transuranic drums was also accelerated.

We are committed to continuing the safe environmental cleanup at WVDP and appreciate receiving your input on the funding level, particularly as it relates to some cost-cutting measures.

Thank you for your continued interest and involvement in the cleanup at WVDP. If you have any questions, please contact me or Mr. Bryan Bower, Director, West Valley Demonstration Project Office, at (716) 942-4368.

Sincerely,

Stacy Charboneau

Associate Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary for Environmental Management