

To: West Valley Citizen Task Force  
From: Nancy Raca, Highland Planning  
Date: October 31, 2024  
Subject: **Summary of October 23, 2024, Meeting**

## Next Meeting

Date & Time: December 18, 2024

Location: Ashford Office Park, 9030 U.S. 219, West Valley and ZOOM

Zoom registration:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83354802599?pwd=DJs3bY1fn6jucDmk34U06YYSpyNqbh.1>

## CTF Members and Alternates Attending (in person or via Zoom)

### Members

Charlie Davis, Ray Vaughan

**Alternates:** Jordan Buffalo, John Hood, Shannon Seneca

**Facilitator and Notetakers:** Nancy Raca, Heike Jacob, Leanne Voit

## Agency Participants and Observers

**Department of Energy (DOE):** Bryan Bower, Josh DesMarais, Bill Frederick

**New York State Energy Research and Development Authority (NYSERDA):** Paul Bembia, Brad Frank, Lee Gordon, Andrea Mellon, Peter Vlad

**CH2M HILL BWXT West Valley, LLC (CHBWV):** Jason Casper, Elizabeth Lowes, Joe Pillittere, Kelly Wooley

**Observers:** Barbara Warren, Gina Pope, Lynn Winterberger, Diane D'Arrigo, Abe Zeitoun, Sean McCandless, Tom Morahan

## Welcome, Announcements, Administrative Business

CTF Facilitator Nancy Raca welcomed all present, conducted a roll call, and reviewed the meeting agenda.<sup>1</sup>

NYSERDA stated that a 3-D model of the site will be available at the next meeting.

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<sup>1</sup> Each meeting material is listed at the end of this summary and may be found at [www.westvalleyctf.org](http://www.westvalleyctf.org)

## Project Update

Kelly Wooley of CHBWW presented a project update. The total recordable case rate is 0.29 and there have been no lost time cases since April 2023. The site workforce has worked more than one million hours without lost time, injury, or illness.

Mr. Wooley stated that on September 30, 2024, there was a Level 3 CAM alarm as workers were removing a portion of the Process Mechanical Cell roof. The site temporarily suspended operations while the alarm was investigated. Workers immediately applied fixative, per protocol. Follow-up testing confirmed that there was air contamination but there was no spread beyond the site boundaries.

Mr. Wooley reported that the site achieved all its FY 2024 goals with the exception of implementation of the Optically Stimulated Luminescence (OSL) dosimetry. The OSL, which will be an upgrade from the current dosimeters, will be ready in early 2025.

Deconstruction of the Main Plant is proceeding, with many areas already complete. Teams are currently working on deconstructing the Process Mechanical Cell (PMC). Other remaining areas are the PMC Crane Room Enclosure, the PMC Cell Crane Room, the Vent Supply Room, the East Mechanical Operating Aisle, the West Wall of the Off-Gas Cell, and the Product Purification Cell.

In terms of waste operations, the team has overpacked one waste tank farm pump, and two more are currently being overpacked. All three will ship in October. A fourth pump will be shipped in the Spring. We will also be collecting additional samples from Tank 8D-4.

Finally, Mr. Wooley reviewed the site goals for FY 2025.

A CTF member asked about the size of the pieces that are being removed from thick wall areas. Mr. Wooley said that typically they bring down pieces that are 2 – 3 feet in diameter, but sometimes they bring down larger ones that must be broken up on the ground.

An observer asked how the team knows that contamination didn't go off site when the alarm sounded on September 30. Mr. Wooley replied that this was based on extrapolation from the on-site monitor data. The off-site monitors are analyzed at a lab quarterly, and those results will be reported.

## CTF Discussion

In response to a question for more information about the OSL dosimeters, Mr. Wooley stated that these new devices will be more accurate for beta, gamma, and alpha radiation than the current dosimeters.

## Next Steps

The next meeting will be on Wednesday, December 18, 2024.

### Meeting Documents Available on the CTF Website

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