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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Notice of Availability of the West Valley Demonstration Project Draft Waste Management Environmental Impact Statement

AGENCY: Department of Energy.

ACTION: Notice of availability.

SUMMARY: The Department of Energy (DOE) announces the availability of the West Valley Demonstration Project (WVDP) Draft Waste Management Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) for public review and comment. This Draft EIS has been prepared in accordance with the requirements of the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 as amended (NEPA)(42 U.S.C. 4321 *et seq.*); Council on Environmental Quality regulations implementing NEPA (40 Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) Parts 1500-1508); and DOE NEPA Implementing Procedures (10 CFR part 1021).

DOE's proposed action (and preferred alternative) is to ship radioactive wastes that are either currently in storage on the WVDP site, or that will be generated from WVDP operations over the next ten years, to offsite disposal locations, and to continue managing its onsite waste storage tanks. The potential environmental consequences of the proposed action are evaluated in this Draft EIS, including impacts to workers and the public from waste transportation and waste management. The Draft EIS also analyzes a No Action Alternative, under which most wastes would continue to be stored over the next ten years, and an alternative under which certain wastes would be shipped to interim offsite storage locations prior to disposal, along with the addition of retrievable grout to the waste storage tanks for interim stabilization. Indefinite waste storage onsite was considered but not analyzed.

The public is invited to comment on the Draft EIS during a 45-day public comment period, which ends on June 30, 2003. All comments received during the public comment period will be considered in preparing the Final EIS. Comments received after the public comment period ends will be considered to the extent practicable.

ADDRESSES: Requests for information about this Draft EIS should be directed to: Daniel W. Sullivan, EIS Document Manager, DOE West Valley Area Office, 10282 Rock Springs Road, WV-49, West Valley, New York 14171-9799, Telephone: (716) 942-4016.

Copies of the document can be requested by telephone at (716) 942-2152 or (800) 633-5280.

Written comments on the Draft EIS can be mailed to: Daniel W. Sullivan, WVDP WM EIS, 10282 Rock Springs Road, WV-49, West Valley, New York 14171-9799.

Written comments may also be submitted by fax to: (716) 942-4199, or submitted electronically to allens@wvnsco.com.

Oral comments on the Draft EIS will be accepted only during the public hearing scheduled for the date and location provided in the **DATES** section of this Notice.

For information regarding the DOE NEPA process, please contact: Ms. Carol M. Borgstrom, Director, Office of NEPA Policy and Compliance, (EH-42), U.S. Department of Energy, 1000 Independence Avenue, SW., Washington, DC 20585, Telephone: (202) 586-4600, or leave a message at (800) 472-2756.

The Draft EIS will be available at <http://tis.eh.doe.gov/nepa/docs.docs.htm> or www.wv.doe.gov. Copies of the Draft EIS and supporting technical reports also are available for review at the locations listed in the **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION** section of this Notice.

DATES: The public is invited to submit written and/or oral comments on the Draft EIS. The comment period on the Draft EIS begins on the date of this Notice and ends on June 30, 2003. DOE will consider all comments postmarked by that date in preparing the Final EIS. Comments postmarked after that date will be considered to the extent practicable.

DOE will hold public hearings on June 11, 2003, at: Ashford Office Complex, 9030 Route 219, Town of Ashford, Buffalo, New York, 1:30 p.m. to 3:30 p.m., 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.

Requests to speak at the public hearings can be made by calling or writing the EIS Document Manager (see **ADDRESSES**, above). Requests to speak that have not been submitted prior to the hearing will be accepted in the order in which they are received during the hearing. Speakers are encouraged to provide written versions of their oral comments for the record. Each speaker will be allowed five minutes to present comments unless more time is requested and available. Comments will be recorded by a court reporter and will become part of the public hearing record.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The WVDP is located on the Western New York Nuclear Service Center (also referred to as the Center). The Center comprises approximately 13.5 square kilometers (five square miles) in West Valley, New York, and is located in the town of Ashford, approximately 50 kilometers (30 miles) southeast of Buffalo, New York. The Center was the site of the world's first commercial nuclear fuel reprocessing plant, which was the only one to have operated in the United States. The Center operated under a license issued by the Atomic