



October 15, 2012

Ms. Barbara Warren, Executive Director
Citizens' Environmental Coalition
33 Central Avenue, 3rd Floor
Albany, New York 12210

Dear Ms. Warren:

SUBJECT: August 22 Quarterly Meeting Agenda

On August 10, 2012, we received your email (to Moira Maloney and Lee Gordon) and accompanying memorandum that provided detailed recommendations for the August 22, 2012 Quarterly Public meeting as well as additional questions and concerns regarding the Phase 1 Studies process. DOE and NYSEERDA have prepared the attached matrix, which includes a response to each of the points raised in your memorandum.

Both agencies are committed to meaningful stakeholder input throughout the Phase 1 Studies process and wish to thank both you and the other signatories for the memorandum (dated August 9, 2012) as well as your dedication to the West Valley Demonstration Project.

We look forward to your continued involvement as we move forward with the Phase 1 Studies.

Sincerely,

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Bryan C. Bower, Director
U.S. Department of Energy
West Valley Demonstration Project

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Paul J. Bembia, Director
West Valley Site Management Program
New York State Energy Research & Development
Authority

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Attachment:

1. *DOE and NYSERDA Responses to Barbara Warren's August 9, 2012 Memo to Lee Gordon and Moira Maloney*, dated October 12, 2012

cc: Diane D'Arrigo, Nuclear Information and Resource Service (w/att.)
Brian Smith, Citizens Campaign for the Environment (w/att.)
Vincent Agnello, Niagara Watershed Alliance (w/att.)
Joanne Hameister, Coalition on West Valley Nuclear Wastes (w/att.)
Moira N. Maloney, DOE-WVDP (w/att.)
Lee M. Gordon, Ph.D., NYSERDA-WV (w/att.)

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Dated October 12, 2012**

Comment	Response
<p>We are recommending that the next Quarterly meeting provide for a thorough discussion of the Characterization, Sampling and Analysis Plan. This work is critical to an adequate site cleanup.</p>	<p>DOE will provide an update on the progress of site characterization activities associated with the Characterization Sampling and Analysis Plan (CSAP) during the Project Update portion of an upcoming quarterly public meeting (QPM). The CSAP was discussed in detail with the public during the March 24, 2010 CTF meeting, and will be discussed at the November 14, 2012 Quarterly Public Meeting.</p> <p>The CSAP is not part of the Phase 1 Study process. Preparation of the CSAP was a requirement in Section 9.0 of the <i>"Phase 1 Decommissioning Plan for the West Valley Demonstration Project, Revision 2, December 2010."</i> The CSAP describes the radiological environmental data collection activities that will specifically support the implementation of the Phase 1 decommissioning actions within the WVDP project premises which are described in the DP.</p>
<p>In addition, the Report from the Erosion Expert Panel, just released, should be discussed.</p>	<p>The Erosion Working Group's <i>"Recommendations for Phase 1 Erosion Studies"</i> was presented and discussed with the public during the August 22, 2012 QPM. This document was posted in the Phase 1 Studies Update page of the Phase 1 Studies website in July 2012, and is available at the following link:</p> <p>http://www.westvalleyphaseonestudies.org/images/documents/EWG%20Recommended%20Phase%201%20Studies_as%20re-submitted.pdf</p>
<p>We would also like to receive the Scope of Work provided to the Independent Scientific Panel.</p>	<p>The Independent Scientific Panel (ISP) Scope of Work is available in the Documents page of the Phase 1 Studies website at the following link:</p> <p>http://www.westvalleyphaseonestudies.org/images/documents/ISP%20SOW_011112-Final.pdf</p>