



February 6, 2012

Ms. Barbara Warren, Executive Director
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Dear Ms. Warren:

SUBJECT: West Valley Public Participation Processes

Thank you for your participation in the discussion on the West Valley Phase 1 Studies processes on Tuesday, January 31, 2012. We appreciate the opportunity to personally discuss the issues raised in your December 15, 2011 letter. As we discussed, there will be a number of opportunities for members of the public to interact with DOE, NYSEERDA, and the scientists, engineers, and consultants that will participate in the Phase 1 Studies. We are hopeful that once the studies begin in earnest, any remaining concerns you have will be resolved. If you still have concerns at that time, we would be happy to sit down with you again to discuss them.

During our conversation, we referred to the Phase 1 Studies Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs). The FAQs will eventually be posted on the Phase 1 Studies website, along with meeting agendas, meeting summaries, reference documents and much more. In addition to the public meetings, we believe the website will be a primary mechanism by which the public can be informed of Phase 1 Studies progress and notified of available documents and upcoming meetings. Until the Phase 1 Studies website is brought online, the FAQs are posted on both the DOE and NYSEERDA websites.

We wish to thank both you and the other signatories of the December 15, 2011 letter for your dedication to the West Valley site and look forward to your continued involvement as we move forward with the Phase 1 Studies.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Paul J. Bembia".

Paul J. Bembia, Director
West Valley Site Management Program
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Authority

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Bryan C. Bower".

Bryan C. Bower, Director
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