



West Valley Citizen Task Force

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The Honorable Charles E. Schumer
U. S. Senate
313 Hart Senate Office Building
Washington, DC 20510-3202

The Honorable Hillary Rodham Clinton
U. S. Senate
476 Russell Senate Office Building
Washington, DC 20510-3203

SUBJECT: West Valley Remediation Act H.R. 3101

Dear Senators Schumer and Clinton:

As you are aware Congressmen Kuhl, Boehlert, Reynolds, and Higgins recently introduced H.R. 3101, the proposed West Valley Remediation Act (WVRA) of 2005, which would authorize the DOE to complete the necessary remediation of the Western New York Nuclear Service Center and dispose of the nuclear wastes stored here in West Valley, New York.

This legislation is fully supported by thirteen of the fourteen members of the West Valley Citizen Task Force (representing a broad array of local constituencies), the New York State Energy Research and Development Authority (NYSERDA), the Governor's office, and on July 27, 2005, the Cattaraugus County Legislature voted to approve Act No. 363-2005 (copy attached) in support of H.R. 3101.

Presently, we are initiating contact with the New York Congressional delegation to encourage and garner support for passage of the bill. The purpose of this letter is to formally request that you expedite the introduction of companion legislation in the Senate. We have been informed that it would be advantageous for an identically worded version to be introduced there to initiate appropriate discussion and to raise Congressional awareness of the issues.

We hope to develop an open rapport with your offices so we can keep apprised of all progress relative to action on this proposed legislation. Passage of the WVRA is critical to resolving the impasse between the U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) and NYSERDA over final remediation obligations. Failure to pass the Act would be devastating to the western New York economy, will jeopardize future progress on cleanup activities beyond 2010, and will place the financial burden of final remediation and long-term stewardship on future generations of New York taxpayers.

Thank you for your leadership in this effort.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads 'Eric W. Wohlers'.

Eric Wohlers
On behalf of the Citizen Task Force

Attachment: *SUPPORTING FEDERAL WEST VALLEY REMEDIATION ACT OF 2005, H. R. 3101*

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cc: All New York State Members of U. S. House of Representatives, w/att.
NYS Governor George E. Pataki, w/att.
NYS Senator Catharine M. Young, w/att.
NYS Assemblyman Joseph M. Giglio, w/att.
Peter R. Smith (NYSERDA President), w/att.
Paul L. Piciulo, Ph.D. (NYSERDA– Director/West Valley Site Management Program), w/att.
John Swailes (U.S. DOE – Director/West Valley Demonstration Project), w/att.
West Valley Citizen Task Force, w/att.