

Anderson named new president of CHBWV

09-13-2018 - ASHFORD—Amid continuing decommissioning work at the West Valley Nuclear Site by CH2M HILL BWXT West Valley, LLC, a familiar face has been announced as the new president and general manager.

Scott Anderson, who previously served as vice president and deputy general manager of CHBWV, was promoted to president and general manager.

“It’s a great opportunity for me to be able to stay in the same place working with the same people,” Anderson said. “It’s a great group of people, we got a lot of momentum built and it’s a great opportunity that I get to keep going with that.”

Anderson has more than 30 years experience in hazardous, radioactive waste, project and functional management, holding senior management positions at the Department of Energy’s Oak Ridge and Idaho Cleanup Project sites. When the West Valley opportunity arose three-years ago, he took on the job and has been there ever since.



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“One of my ex-bosses said we got this opportunity in West Valley. There are looking to change and get some new blood and some new perspective in there and he said would you like to come out there with me and be my deputy and I said sure,” Anderson said. “It was a series of opportunities ... things get stagnant sometimes, you need fresh eyes to help invigorate things and I think that is why we were brought in to put a new perspective on the cleanup.”

In its contract for the West Valley Nuclear Site, CHBWV has four major milestones which they need to complete. Two milestones have been completed – moving 278 high-level waste canisters into 56 storage casks and moving the casks to a storage pad and the processing, shipping and disposal of all legacy waste off-site.

With two milestones left to be completed, the next will be the demolition and removal of the vitrification facility and main plant process building. Deactivation of the main plant is around 90 percent completed and demolition of the vitrification facility is set to be completed by the end of September. While the deactivation is set to be completed, the demolition of the main plant is currently on hold while they work with the Department of Energy.

The other milestone will be the demolition of the remaining ancillary facilities on site. At the Nuclear Site, there are 47 miscellaneous buildings that are being taken down, which CHBWV is around 50 percent complete.

“We have made great progress,” Anderson said. “My job is right now to make sure people remain safe, don’t get hurt and keep doing the work that the government is paying us to do.”

Anderson is grateful of the workers he has at the site and is excited to keep the process moving forward as they inch closer to finishing up the contract.

“I don’t plan on making any real big changes here,” Anderson said. “The workforce is great, they know absolutely what they are doing, they are real good at what they are doing.”