

West Valley Continues Cleanup Progress at Contact Size Reduction Facility



A worker uses an excavator to lower a dust collector into a waste box for shipment to an offsite disposal facility.

WEST VALLEY, N.Y. – Workers continued cleanup progress after recently removing a 2,000-pound dust collector from a facility slated for demolition at [EM's West Valley Demonstration Project \(WVDP\) Site](#).

EM WVDP Director Bryan Bower said clearing the dust collector from the Contact Size Reduction Facility will further improve safety for crews. The dust collector was part of the facility's ventilation system, collecting particles and dust from cutting and size-reducing of equipment no longer needed in the cleanup.

"The WVDP team did an excellent job in planning and executing this high hazard work," Bower said.

Scott Anderson, president of CH2M HILL BWXT, the WVDP cleanup contractor, said, "Using lessons learned and a deliberate approach from previous demolition activities has been an excellent combination for safety and success."

Workers used an excavator to open the building. They sprayed fixative on the collector for additional contamination controls, pulled the machine out, and size-reduced it before loading it into a waste box for shipment for offsite disposal.

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