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#### PUBLIC NOTICE

STATE OF NEW YORK  
NEW YORK STATE  
DEPARTMENT OF  
ENVIRONMENTAL  
CONSERVATION  
Division of Materials  
Management  
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NYD980779540  
**PUBLIC NOTICE OF  
CLOSURE PLAN**  
The United States  
Department of Energy  
(DOE) as operator of the  
**West Valley Demonstration  
Project (WVDP)** has  
notified the New York  
State Department of Environmental  
Conservation  
(Department) of its intention  
to commence final  
closure of the LAG Storage  
Addition #2 (LSA #2)  
Hardstand at the WVDP  
facility in West Valley, NY  
14171-9799. The LSA  
#2 Hardstand is one of  
several hazardous waste  
management (HWM)  
units at the WVDP facility  
that requires closure  
under Title 6 of the New  
York Code of Rules and  
Regulations (6 NYCRR)  
Part 373. The DOE maintains  
a closure plan for  
each HWM unit as stipulated  
in §373-1.2(b) and  
§373-3.7. The LSA #2  
Hardstand closure plan  
was revised in response  
to Department comments  
and resubmitted on June  
11, 2019 for Department  
review and approval.  
Closure activities for the  
LSA #2 Hardstand have  
already been implemented  
by DOE in the  
form of removing waste  
containers from the unit.  
The Department has  
tentatively determined  
that the revised LSA #2  
Hardstand closure plan  
is consistent with the regulatory  
requirements for  
the decontamination and  
closure of a hazardous  
waste container storage  
area and, as such, can be  
approved. The intention  
of this public notice is  
to solicit comment from  
the public on the LSA #2  
Hardstand closure plan.  
The revised closure  
plan (Doc. ID Number

WVDP-449, Rev. 10,  
dated 6/6/19) includes  
removal of all containers  
of hazardous waste, establishing  
a 20-foot by 20-  
foot sampling grid across  
the 80-foot by 283-foot  
waste storage area resulting  
in fifty-four (54) grid  
areas, inspection of the  
gravel pad and collecting  
soil samples at a depth  
of 0-6 inches below the  
bottom of the compacted  
gravel pad in each grid  
area. The plan states  
that a biased sampling  
approach would be implemented  
to collect fifty-four  
(54) soil samples each for  
metals and volatile organic  
compounds (totaling  
one hundred and eight  
(108) samples) from areas  
where staining is visible,  
otherwise the sample  
shall be collected from  
the center of the grid.  
The sampling equipment  
decontamination residues  
and wash water would  
be collected, characterized  
and dispositioned  
as either a hazardous or  
nonhazardous waste, as  
necessary.  
State Environmental  
Quality Review (SEQR)  
status: Closure of the  
LSA #2 Hardstand hazardous  
waste container  
storage area will not result  
in significant changes  
to the surrounding areas  
of the WVDP facility. The  
closure activities will use  
only portable equipment.  
This action is intended to  
leave the LSA #2 Hardstand  
clean and uncontaminated.  
The Department  
has determined that  
the closure of the LSA #2  
Hardstand is a Type II action  
which is not subject  
to SEQR.  
State regulation requires  
that the public be  
given thirty (30) days to  
provide written comments  
on this draft closure plan.  
The public comment period  
begins on 10/24/19  
and will extend through  
11/25/19. A copy of the  
closure plan is available  
for public review at NYSDEC  
Central and Region  
9 Offices. Copies of the  
closure plan may be  
obtained by contacting  
either Mr. Patrick Concannon,  
Engineering  
Geologist, at NYSDEC  
Region 9, Division of Materials  
Management, 270  
Michigan Ave., Buffalo,  
NY 14203 [Telephone  
Number: (716) 851-7220]  
or Mrs. Lynn Winterberger,

Chief, RCRA Permitting  
Section at NYSDEC,  
Central Office, Division of  
Materials Management,  
625 Broadway, Albany,  
NY 12233-7256 [Telephone  
Number: (518)  
402-8651]. Comments on  
the closure plan must be  
sent no later than November  
25, 2019 to:  
Mrs. Lynn Winterberger,  
P.E.  
New York State Department  
of Environmental  
Conservation  
Division of Materials  
Management  
Bureau of Hazardous Waste  
& Radiation Management  
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All comments will be considered  
and evaluated in  
making the final determination  
for approving the  
closure plan. Prior to the  
approval of the closure  
plan the Department will  
respond to any comments  
submitted by the public.  
The Department will  
approve, modify or disapprove  
the draft closure  
plan based on the information  
received during  
the comment period and  
public hearing, if required.  
A notice of the final decision  
will be sent to each  
interested citizen or organization  
who submitted  
written comments or have  
requested such notice.