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PUBLIC NOTICE

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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 Analytical and Process Chemistry (A&PC) Hot Cells at the **WVDP** facility in West Valley, NY 14171- 9799. The A&PC Hot Cells are one of several hazardous waste management (HMW) 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 A&PC Hot Cells closure plan (Doc. ID Number WVDP-447, Rev. 2, dated 12/22/14) was revised in response to Department comments and resubmitted on April 23, 2020 for Department review and approval. The Department has tentatively determined that the revised closure plan is consistent with the regulatory requirements for the closure of hazardous/ mixed waste container storage and treatment areas in the analytical and process chemistry hot cells and, as such, can be approved. The intention of this public notice is to solicit comment from the public on the A&PC Hot Cells closure plan.

The revised A&PC Hot Cells closure plan (Doc. ID Number WVDP-447, Rev. 3, dated 04/20/20) includes the total removal of the A&PC Hot Cells 1 through 5 as a hazardous/mixed waste container storage and treatment unit during above ground Main Plant Process Building (MPPB) demolition. All A&PC Hot Cell demolition debris will be packaged and dispositioned for off-site disposal. DOE has stated within their closure plan that no spills or releases of hazardous / mixed waste to the environment have occurred from these HWM units.

State Environmental Quality Review (SEQR) status: The closure activities will be performed by complete removal and off-site disposal of the A&PC Hot Cells. Closure of the A&PC Hot Cells by removal would not typically result in significant changes to the surrounding areas of the **WVDP** facility and 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 09/10/20 and will extend through 10/26/20. 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; email: Patrick.Concannon@dec.ny.gov] or Mrs. Lynn Winterberger, Chief, RCRA Permitting Section at NYSDEC, Central Office,

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Comments on the closure plan must be sent no later than 10/26/20 to:

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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.