



**Department of Energy**

Washington, DC 20585

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Mr. Ray Vaughan  
West Valley Citizen Task Force

c/o Melinda Holland  
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Dear Mr. Vaughan:

Thank you for your October 30, 2006, letter on behalf of the West Valley Citizen Task Force. We appreciate your perspective on clean up of the West Valley site. As you noted, it is a complex site. We believe the best way to manage that complexity, and the varying view points it can engender, is to ensure that clean up decisions are based on thorough technical analysis.

As you know, we have instituted a Core Team process to resolve issues of mutual interest to West Valley's stakeholders. The Core Team approach is a formalized

Regarding the specific recommendations in your letter, the Department of Energy pledges to complete accurate technical analyses that can be used to make the necessary site cleanup decisions. If you have any questions, please contact me or Mr. Frank Marcinowski, Director, Office of Regulatory Compliance, at (202) 586-0370.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Charles E. Anderson". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned above the typed name.

Charles E. Anderson (Acting for)  
Assistant Secretary for  
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