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SUBJECT: Receipt of Response to Invitation to Participate in Core Team Process

REFERENCE: Letter (96353), P. L. Piciulo to B. C. Bower, "Letter from Bryan Bower, DOE to G. Baker, J. W. Camper, P. A. Giardina, S. Hammond and P. L. Piciulo, dated August 10, 2006," dated August 28, 2006

Dear Dr. Piciulo:

The U.S. Department of Energy, West Valley Demonstration Project (DOE-WVDP) is in receipt of the referenced letter that provides the New York State Energy and Research Development Authority (NYSERDA) response to the invitation to participate in the Core Team Process to resolve certain technical issues associated with the Preliminary Draft Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) for Decommissioning and/or Long-Term Stewardship for the WVDP. It is unfortunate that NYSEERDA, as a Joint Lead Agency, has decided not to participate in this process with the DOE and cooperating agencies. However, the Core Team Process will proceed with the participating agencies in an effort to cooperatively resolve the technical challenges currently hindering the EIS development process. DOE will continue to offer NYSEERDA opportunities to engage in the environmental analysis and decision-making process regarding the completion of the West Valley Demonstration Project.

If you have any questions or require additional information regarding this matter, please contact me at (716) 942-4368 or Cathy Bohan of my staff at (716) 942-4159.

Sincerely,

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