



West Valley Citizen Task Force

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Task Force Members to Form Singing Group

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West Valley, NY - In a unique show of solidarity, all sixteen members of the West Valley Citizen Task Force agreed that they will be forming a choir to bring more attention to the nuclear waste cleanup in West Valley. The unanimous decision came at last night's Task Force meeting after an impromptu song was performed by one its members. Upset at the slow pace of the cleanup efforts, long-time task force member Pete Scherer stood up and began singing the classic "I've Gotta Bone To Pick' With' You." The other task force members joined Mr. Scherer in chorus (just after the first verse), much to the surprise of the site managers.

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"I've been coming to these meetings for ten years speaking my mind, but I've never gotten more attention from the site managers than I did tonight," said Mr. Scherer at the conclusion of the meeting. "I thought to myself, what the heck, why not deliver my message in a song," he added. An inventor and part-time school bus driver in West Valley, Pete said he was "surprised the rest of the group joined me, but hey, I think we sounded pretty good."

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The music began in the middle of a presentation that NYSERDA and DOE, the site managers, were giving to update the task force. After reporting that some of the cleanup work would be delayed indefinitely, task force members became visibly upset. It was then that Mr. Scherer called for the attention of the group and broke into song. The idea for establishing a task force to coordinate the cleanup meeting resumed.

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The site managers have disagreed on the schedule for the cleanup at West Valley for the past several years. Their presentation confirmed what the task force members had suspected, more delays in the cleanup. Over the years, the Task Force has been successful in reaching out to other individuals and groups to support their cause. "This cleanup is important to all citizens of Western New York," said task force member (and mezzo-soprano) Lee Lambert. Significant progress on the cleanup was made during the 1990s with the solidification of waste into glass logs. However, the cleanup has stalled in recent years. "We will be singing our concerns in an attempt to call other citizens to action," added Mrs. Lambert.

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The Task Force has been meeting monthly for ten years. It's mission is to provide advice to DOE and NYSERDA on the long-term management of the West Valley Demonstration Project. The members represent a diversity of constituencies in the Western New York region.