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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 Interim Waste Storage Facility (IWSF) at the WVDP facility in West Valley, NY 14171-9799. The IWSF 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 IWSF closure plan was revised and resubmitted in October 2006 to the Department for approval. Closure activities for the IWSF have already been implemented by DOE. The Department has tentatively determined that the revised IWSF 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 IWSF closure plan.

The revised closure plan (Doc. ID Number WVDP-142, Rev. 10, dated 9/14/06) includes removal of all containers of hazardous waste, inspection of the floor of the building, scrubbing of the floors using a low volume, high pressure cleaning unit followed by characterization of the wash water and sampling of the rinsate from the concrete floor. The decontamination residues and wash water will be collected, characterized and dispositioned as either a hazardous or non-hazardous waste, as necessary. Additionally, the plan states that a biased sampling approach would be implemented to collect floor/rinsate samples from areas where staining is visible.

State Environmental Quality Review (SEQR) status: Closure of the IWSF hazardous waste container storage area will not result in significant changes to the surrounding areas of WVDP facility. The closure activities will be performed entirely inside the IWSF and will use only light equipment. This action will leave the IWSF clean and uncontaminated. The Department has determined that the closure of the IWSF 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 May 24, 2007 and will extend through June 22, 2007. A copy of the closure plan is available for public review at NYSDEC Central and Regional Offices. Copies of the closure plan may be obtained by contacting either Mr. Patrick Concannon, Engineering Geologist, at NYSDEC Region 9, Division of Solid and Hazardous Material, 270 Michigan Ave., Buffalo, NY 14203 [Telephone Number: (716) 831-7220] or Mrs. Lynn Winterberger, Environmental Engineer, at NYSDEC, Central Office, Division of Solid and Hazardous Materials, 625 Broadway, Albany NY 12233-7258 [Telephone Number: (518) 402-8594]. Comments on the closure plan must be sent no later than June 22, 2007 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.