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RE: **Erosion Working Group Recommendations for Phase 1 Erosion Studies July 20, 2012**

Dear Moira and Lee,

We support the following set of four studies recommended by the West Valley Demonstration Project (WVDP) Erosion Working Group (EWG) in its July 20, 2012 document entitled "Recommendations for Phase 1 Erosion Studies":

- Study 1 - Terrain Analysis
- Study 2 - Age Dating and Paleoclimate
- Study 3 - Recent Erosion and Deposition Processes
- Study 4 - Model Refinement, Validation, and Improved Erosion Projections

These studies are needed for safe and successful site decommissioning, and we agree with their purpose, which is to "to fill key data gaps, and to produce converging lines of evidence that may reduce uncertainty, improve scientific defensibility, and strengthen confidence in long-term erosion projections." We understand the EWG's position that the four studies are "designed to be synergistic, with each study providing critical components that are parts of a whole," and that "this holistic approach is envisioned as producing greater value than the sum of the individual parts..." We concur with the EWG in expressing concern "against viewing individual studies as separate entities."

Thank you for this opportunity to submit comments, and we look forward to seeing results from the studies as they are carried out.

Sincerely,

Raymond C. Vaughan on Behalf of the West Valley Citizen Task Force