



Seneca Nation not ceasing nor desisting over planned wastewater plant

By MIKE DES MOND • MAR 30, 2018



Seneca Nation President Todd Gates

FILE PHOTO: CHRIS CAYA/WBFO NEWS

The Pittsburgh law firm representing a company that wants to build a water treatment plant in Couderdport, PA to treat natural gas fracking waste has told the Seneca Nation and President Todd Gates to keep quiet about the plant, saying he is making "false, destructive and defamatory statements." The nation has lashed back, with help from a heavyweight Washington, D.C. law firm.

Gates has been very vocal in opposition to the Epiphany plant and says he will continue to be opposed in public. In a written response to the law firm Blank Rome and lawyer Amy Joseph Coles, Seneca lawyer Donald Pongrace from Akin Gump called the letter "preposterous" and said its legal foundation was "spurious." Pongrace called it an attempt to bully Gates and the Seneca Nation, and says the opposition is now likely to expand.

Gates says the plant is likely to leak contamination into the Allegheny River, as another similar plant does.



"The new innovative plant that they are proposing to experiment on our Allegheny River, and there are other plants in other parts of the state there has been contamination going downstream," he says.

Gates says the nation and its environment have been dumped upon for years and it's time for that to stop. He says Nation members support him because they also feel strongly about the need to stop contamination of waterways.

"Yeah, don't experiment on our river," Gates says. "We were at the CAMA [Coudersport Area Municipal Authority] board meeting the other night, last Monday. That's what I said to them: Don't experiment on our river. We need to work this through. Accidents happen. They were talking about accidents there at the meeting."

The Seneca president says Buttermilk Creek also carries some radioactivity away from the West Valley nuclear site. He says the Epiphany lawyer probably thought the nation would immediately give in to the cease-and-desist letter, but he won't.

WVDP Successfully Completes Critical Demolition Activity



A cooler from the vitrification facility being lowered using a crane and excavator.

03-29-2018 - Hot cell coolers, weighing 7,188 pounds each, were successfully removed from the Vitrification Facility through extensive planning, engineering controls, modeling and historical best practices/lessons learned.

“This work was a significant accomplishment for our team,” CHBWV President Jeff Bradford said. “They completed this work safely and compliantly using a deliberate and methodical approach, along with lessons learned.”

Workers at the West Valley Demonstration Project (WVDP) removed in-cell coolers as part of their Vitrification Facility demolition project. This particular work evolution was the highest remaining hazard associated with this project and was a critical path for continuing on with the demolition of this facility, officials said.

“The CHBWV Team did an excellent job in their planning and execution of this high hazard work evolution,” WVDP Director Bryan Bower said. “This paves the way for the workforce to continue with the demolition of the Vitrification Facility.”

On Saturday, March 3, crews began the lowering and removal evolution for the first cooler from the Vitrification Facility ceiling. Using a 300-ton crane positioned above the 50-foot tall facility, the cooler was attached to the crane using roof penetrations designed for mechanical and electrical connections. Once connected, the cooler was lowered to the Vitrification Facility floor where crews then performed general size reductions and additional contamination controls (fixatives and wrapping). On Monday, March 5, a large excavator was then used to pick the cooler and place it into an approved waste container.

The removal of the first cooler was used to conduct a lessons learned team meeting prior to the continuation of this work evolution. This provided an opportunity to review and make improvements to the critical lift process.

Crews lowered the remaining three coolers to the Vitrification Facility floor on March 9. The work evolution was successfully completed after the three remaining coolers were placed into waste boxes on March 12, 13 and 15.

The facility’s in-cell cooling system consists of four fan coolers, which were seismically designed and supported. These coolers removed heat during normal operations and transferred that heat through a chilled water system.

Discharge nozzles on each cooler were directed towards the facility pit to maximize cooling to vitrification components such as the melter and the canister turntable.

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Reed insists on ‘total cleanup’ at West Valley Demonstration Project

\$75M to be added to clean-up efforts;
\$2 billion already spent, DOE says

By RICK MILLER, Olean Times Herald

April 4, 2018



After a tour of the West Valley Demonstration Project cleanup site Tuesday, U.S. Rep. Tom Reed (from left) stands with Jeff Bradford, president of site contractor CHBWV, and Bryan Bower, U.S. Department of Energy site director. The vitrification site in the background is being demolished.

WEST VALLEY — After a tour of the West Valley Demonstration Project site Tuesday, U.S. Rep. Tom Reed said he continues to favor a full cleanup at the former nuclear fuel reprocessing site.

“Total cleanup is the ultimate goal,” Reed said after touring the area in a misty rain with Bryan Bower, U.S. Department of Energy site director, and Jeff Bradford, president of site contractor CHBWV.

The kind of cleanup Reed said is needed just off of Rock Springs Road includes removal of the huge underground steel tanks that once held highly radioactive liquid waste, as well as the low-level waste landfills operated by the state and the federal Nuclear Regulatory Commission. Reed added a cleanup would include “taking all the facilities down to ground level, (and getting) the long term viability of the land restored.”

“There’s a great team here taking care of things day in and day out,” Reed told reporters as an excavator worked nearby to demolish the vitrification building where radioactive liquid waste was once mixed with molten glass. “I think they are doing an outstanding job.” Reed said he was recently able to secure an additional \$10 million in the 2018 federal budget for the West Valley cleanup. The DOE has been budgeting about \$65 million a year toward cleanup efforts over the past several years. The additional \$10 million means WVDP will receive \$75 million over the next year.

To help obtain the added funding, Reed said, he worked with the Appropriations Committee to “let them know this is something we care deeply about and you can see the return on investment.”

While Reed said officials agreed on the scope of the cleanup, he emphasized it is a long-term undertaking. Therefore, he added, officials are unable to give a timeline because it is largely dependent on federal funding and the availability of a federal repository for the nuclear waste. The West Valley site operated under Nuclear Fuel Services from 1966 to 1972, recycling spent nuclear fuel rods, reclaiming plutonium and uranium. The cleanup began in 1980 with passage of the West Valley Demonstration Project Act.

Bower, who has served as director of the West Valley site for the past decade, estimated recently that a total cleanup would cost about \$6 billion. The DOE and New York State have already spent more than \$2 billion on the cleanup.

“We’re going to continue to be a voice for them, even in future budget cycles,” Reed said. “You are talking billions of dollars for a total removal versus much less than that. It has to be a balanced approach, I recognize that, but I want to be a voice to see this site completely resolved.”

Reed said the DOE, the state’s Energy Research and Development Authority and contractor CHBWV have brought a “studied, reasoned approach” to the project. He said he has seen “great progress” in reducing the footprint of the site with numerous buildings demolished and removed over several years — adding the constant tapping sound of the excavator taking down the vitrification building “is music to my ears.”

Reed sees progress in federal cleanup at New York nuclear waste site



U.S. Rep. Tom Reed (R-NY) is keeping tabs on the continued federal cleanup in his home state at the U.S. Department of Energy's (DOE) West Valley Demonstration Project, a nuclear remediation waste site about 40 miles south of Buffalo.

"We care about protecting the people that live in and around West Valley and we must continue working to make the area safer," said Rep. Reed during an April 3 tour of the site.

As the only commercial nuclear reprocessing facility in the United States, the plant from 1966 to 1972 generated more than 660,000 tons of high-level radioactive waste while reprocessing more than 700 tons of spent nuclear fuel, according to the DOE. Under the West Valley Demonstration Project Act of 1980, the DOE has been tasked with solidifying high-level waste (HLW) at the commercial nuclear reprocessing plant, disposing of the resulting waste, and eventually must decommission the facility.

The DOE selected CH2M HILL BWXT West Valley, LLC (CHBWV) to conduct Phase I Decommissioning activities at the project site under an 8.6-year, \$461.4 million contract that began in August 2011. Since CHBWV took control of the site, the contractor has led cleanup and facility demolition activities and says it is actively engaged in removing radioactive waste, contaminated equipment and obsolete structures from the 200-acre site.

When Rep. Reed last visited the West Valley Demonstration Project in July 2016, according to his staff, CHBWV had moved 50 canisters of HLW to an onsite storage pad. By February 2017, all 278 canisters of HLW – generated during the solidification process from 1996 to 2002 – had been placed on the storage pad, according to the congressman’s staff.

Additionally, 93 percent of the legacy waste generated during commercial reprocessing operations has been shipped off site for disposal; demolition of the Vitrification Facility that began in September 2017 is 55 percent completed; and deactivation of the Main Plant Process Building that has been underway since 2011 is 84 percent finished, Rep. Reed’s staff said in a statement.

Rep. Reed, who remains concerned with finding a safe repository for the waste and in protecting waterways from any potential future contamination, continues to support the site’s cleanup efforts. He recently helped obtain \$75 million in funding for the project as part of the Consolidated Appropriations Act of 2018, H.R. 1625, which the president on March 23 signed into law to fund the federal government. The targeted funds are almost \$9 million more than fiscal year 2017 funds.

“I am glad to see the project will receive \$75 million for 2018,” said Rep. Reed. “These resources will continue to help further cleanup of this toxic site.”

Concerned Citizens seeks sitewide removal at West Valley

By Rick Miller, April 17, 2018

Concerned Citizens of Cattaraugus County has submitted 12 pages of comment on the proposed Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement for cleanup at the West Valley Demonstration Project site.

Like most other groups and individuals, the local environmental group's bottom line is the sitewide removal alternative. Public scoping sessions were held by Department of Energy officials last month in West Valley, Buffalo and at the Seneca Tribal Chambers on the Cattaraugus Territory. Unless it is extended, the public comment period ends April 23.

The other alternatives being considered in the SEIS are:

- No further action other than continued management and oversight by DOE for the foreseeable future with periodic maintenance.
- Sitewide removal.
- Sitewide close-in-place, with unrestricted use of much of the Nuclear Service Center site and contain materials at their present location with some containment structures.
- A hybrid plan containing elements of other alternatives including the complete or partial removal of some facilities and close-in-place for others.

The site was the nation's first private spent nuclear fuel reprocessing facility, which was operated by Nuclear Fuel Services from 1966-72. The company closed the site and walked away two years later. The cleanup has been financed by the West Valley Demonstration Project Act of 1980. There is \$75 million in federal funds in the 2018 budget.

A total cleanup would allow for unrestricted use of the 167-acre WVDP site within the 3,300-acre West Valley Nuclear Service Center in the town of Ashford.

That means digging up and removing everything from high-level radioactive glass rods stored in concrete casks, buildings, groundwater contamination, state and federal low-level disposal areas and underground tanks that once held high-level radioactive liquids and still contain nuclear residues.

The Concerned Citizens comments were signed by vice president Rob Mrowka. The group's remarks acknowledge that it is "premature to choose a preferred alternative." With the information available, the CCCC "would prefer an alternative that fully removes site facilities, contaminated soils, sediments and waters, to meet the standards of the state of New York for such cleanup."

Additionally, “offsite contamination must also be addressed and cleaned up to the same standards. Any threats to the sole source aquifer must be ameliorated,” the CCCC comments state.

Concerned Citizens and others warn of the future impact of climate change on the site and do not feel it is a suitable location to store nuclear waste so close to creeks that are tributaries of Cattaraugus Creek. The waterway flows through the Seneca’s Cattaraugus Reservation before emptying into Lake Erie, where it is a source of drinking water for millions.

There is some concern that DOE may want to fill the underground tanks with grout and leave them in place.

“The end result should be a location that is suitable for unlimited public access and use,” the CCCC remarks state.

In 2010, it was decided to split the WVDP cleanup in two. The phased decision-making alternative gave flexibility to start some phases of the cleanup sooner, while delaying a decision on more difficult stages.

DOE officials have estimated the sitewide removal alternative could cost up to \$6 billion; more than twice as much as the federal and state have spent on the cleanup so far.

In addition, there is no federal repository for the most highly-radioactive waste and no prospects for one any time soon. The concrete casks holding the steel-encased glass rods have a 50-year estimated life.

Public comments may be made via email by April 23 at SEISWestValleySite@emcbc.doe.gov or mail to: Mr. Martin Krentz, DOE Document Manager, West Valley Demonstration Project, U.S. Department of Energy, 10282 Rock Springs Road, AC-DOE; West Valley, NY 14171-9799.

Letter: Now is time to speak up on West Valley cleanup

By [Staff](#) | Published 12:01 a.m. April 20, 2018

Now is time to speak up on West Valley cleanup

We have an important one-time opportunity to make a difference in the cleanup of the dangerous high- and low-level radioactive waste stored at the West Valley Demonstration Project for over 40 years.

Public comments, due April 23, are being taken on the “scope” of what the Department of Energy will consider doing about it.

The fate of our communities’ health and, for some, our lives, may rest on what action is taken. Some of these materials remain radioactive for thousands of years. Radiation increases risks of cancer, genetic damage and more. For example, Strontium 90 replaces calcium in bones and teeth, causing bone cancer and leukemia. Leakage into Cattaraugus Creek could reach the Great Lakes, also contaminating a drinking water aquifer. Erosion due to rainfall threatens to expose buried wastes from above, while leakage can occur below. As a “leukemia mom” I don’t want to see more people go through what my daughter did.

I urge you to demand a complete, not partial, cleanup of this waste, including digging up the buried portion. Also, please ask for an extension of the comment period, as more time is needed to study the huge amount of technical data, and to further publicize this. Finally, please insist that off-site areas also be evaluated and cleaned up.

Together we can make a difference in the future of our region for generations to come.

Barbara Dyskant

Hinsdale

Letter: Only one acceptable option for clean-up of West Valley

04-23-2018, 2 hrs ago

We have an important, one-time opportunity to make a difference in the clean-up of the dangerous high- and low-level radioactive waste stored at the West Valley Demonstration Project for over 40 years.

Public comments, due May 25, are being taken on the “scope” of what the Department of Energy will consider doing about it. The fate of our communities’ health and, for some, our lives, may rest on what action is taken.

Some of these radioactive materials remain radioactive for thousands of years. Radiation increases risks of cancer, genetic damage and more. For example, Strontium 90 replaces calcium in bones and teeth, causing bone cancer and leukemia. Plutonium, emitting dangerous alpha particles, lasts thousands of years.

Leakage into Cattaraugus Creek could reach the Great Lakes, also contaminating a drinking water aquifer. There is no safe level of radiation exposure. Erosion due to rainfall threatens to expose buried wastes from above, while leakage can occur below.

As a “leukemia mom” I don’t want to see more people go through what my daughter did. I urge you to demand a complete, NOT partial, clean-up of this waste, including digging up the buried portion. Also, please insist that off-site areas also be evaluated and completely cleaned up.

There are three ways to comment:

1. Mail comments to Mr. Martin Krentz, West Valley Demonstration Project, DOE, 10282 Rock Springs Road, AC-DOE, West Valley, New York 14171-9799.
2. Send an email to SEISWestValleySite@emcbc.doe.gov
3. Post your comment on the website www.SEISWestValleySite.com -- go to the section on “Public Participation,” hit “Getting Involved” and go the Comment Form.

Together we can make a difference in the future of our region for generations to come.

Barbara Dyskant, Hinsdale

Division, U.S. Department of Education, 400 Maryland Avenue SW, LBJ, Room 216-34, Washington, DC 20202-4537.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: For specific questions related to collection activities, please contact Ashley Higgins, 202-453-6097.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Department of Education (ED), in accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (PRA) (44 U.S.C. 3506(c)(2)(A)), provides the general public and Federal agencies with an opportunity to comment on proposed, revised, and continuing collections of information. This helps the Department assess the impact of its information collection requirements and minimize the public's reporting burden. It also helps the public understand the Department's information collection requirements and provide the requested data in the desired format. ED is soliciting comments on the proposed information collection request (ICR) that is described below. The Department of Education is especially interested in public comment addressing the following issues: (1) Is this collection necessary to the proper functions of the Department; (2) will this information be processed and used in a timely manner; (3) is the estimate of burden accurate; (4) how might the Department enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (5) how might the Department minimize the burden of this collection on the respondents, including through the use of information technology. Please note that written comments received in response to this notice will be considered public records.

Title of Collection: Campus Safety and Security Survey.

OMB Control Number: 1840-0833.

Type of Review: An extension of an existing information collection.

Respondents/Affected Public: Private Sector; State, Local, and Tribal Governments.

Total Estimated Number of Annual Responses: 6,520.

Total Estimated Number of Annual Burden Hours: 2,717.

Abstract: The collection of information through the Campus Safety and Security Survey is necessary under section 485 of the Higher Education Act of 1965, as amended, with the goal of increasing transparency surrounding college safety and security information for student, prospective students, parents, employees and the general public. The survey is a collection tool to compile the annual data on campus crime and fire safety. The data collected from the individual institutions by ED is

made available to the public through the Campus Safety and Security Data Analysis and Cutting Tool as well as the College Navigator.

Dated: April 17, 2018.

Kate Mullan,

Acting Director, Information Collection Clearance Division, Office of the Chief Privacy Officer, Office of Management.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Extension of the Public Scoping Period for the Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement for Decommissioning and/or Long-Term Stewardship at the West Valley Demonstration Project and Western New York Nuclear Service Center, Notice of Floodplain and Wetlands Involvement, and Draft Scope

AGENCY: New York State Energy Research and Development Authority, Department of Energy.

ACTION: Notice of extension.

SUMMARY: The U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) and the New York State Energy Research and Development Authority (NYSERDA) are extending the public scoping period for the *Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement for Decommissioning and/or Long-Term Stewardship at the West Valley Demonstration Project and Western New York Nuclear Service Center* (DOE/EIS-0226-S1), hereinafter referred to as the Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement (SEIS) for the West Valley Site.

DATES: The public scoping period is extended until Friday, May 25, 2018. DOE and NYSERDA invite public comments on the scope of the SEIS for the West Valley Site. Comments must be submitted by May 25, 2018, to ensure consideration; late comments will be considered to the extent practicable.

ADDRESSES: Written comments on the scope of the SEIS, requests to be placed on the SEIS mailing list, and requests for information may be submitted by U.S. mail to the DOE Document Manager, Mr. Martin Krentz, West Valley Demonstration Project, U.S. Department of Energy, 10282 Rock Springs Road, AC-DOE, West Valley, New York 14171-9799, by email to SEISWestValleySite@emcbc.doe.gov, or via the SEIS website at www.SEISWestValleySite.com.

Before including your address, phone number, email address, or other personal identifying information in your

comment, please be advised that your entire comment—including your personal identifying information—may be made publicly available. If you wish for DOE to withhold your name and/or other personally identifiable information, please state this prominently at the beginning of your comment. You may also submit comments anonymously. Documents and information about the SEIS process are available online at the SEIS website at www.SEISWestValleySite.com, and in the public reading room at the Ashford Community and Training Center, 9377 NY-240, West Valley, New York 14171, (716) 942-6016.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: For information regarding the West Valley Demonstration Project or the SEIS, contact Mr. Martin Krentz at the address given above; telephone: (716) 942-4007; or email: martin.krentz@emcbc.doe.gov. For general information on DOE's National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) process, contact Mr. Brian Costner (GC-54), Acting Director, Office of NEPA Policy and Compliance, U.S. Department of Energy, 1000 Independence Avenue SW, Washington, DC 20585; telephone: (202) 586-4600; facsimile: (202) 586-7031; or leave a message at 1-800-472-2756, toll-free. Questions for NYSERDA should be directed to Dr. Lee Gordon, New York State Energy Research and Development Authority, 9030-B Route 219, West Valley, New York 14171; telephone: (716) 942-9960, ext. 4963; facsimile: (716) 942-9961; or email: Lee.Gordon@nyserda.ny.gov. Those seeking general information on the State Environmental Quality Review Act process should contact Janice Dean, Deputy Counsel, New York State Energy Research and Development Authority, 17 Columbia Circle, Albany, New York 12203-6399; telephone: (518) 862-1090, ext. 3117; facsimile: (518) 862-1091; or email: Janice.Dean@nyserda.ny.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Notice of Intent (NOI) and draft scope for the SEIS for the West Valley Site was published in the *Federal Register* on February 21, 2018 (83 FR 7464). In the NOI, DOE and NYSERDA announced their intent to jointly prepare the SEIS for the West Valley site and invited public comments on the proposed scope of the document during a public scoping period originally scheduled to end April 23, 2018. During the original scoping period DOE and NYSERDA conducted three public scoping meetings in New York. DOE and NYSERDA are extending the public scoping period until Friday, May 25, 2018.

Signed in Washington, DC, this 17th day of April 2018.

James M. Owendoff,

Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary for Environmental Management, Department of Energy.

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FEDERAL ACCOUNTING STANDARDS ADVISORY BOARD

Notice of Issuance of Statement of Federal Financial Accounting Standards 54, Leases: An Amendment of Statement of Federal Financial Accounting Standards (SFFAS) 5, Accounting for Liabilities of the Federal Government, and SFFAS 6, Accounting for Property, Plant, and Equipment

AGENCY: Federal Accounting Standards Advisory Board (FASAB).

ACTION: Notice.

Pursuant to the Federal Advisory Committee Act, as amended, and the FASAB Rules Of Procedure, as amended in October 2010, notice is hereby given that the Federal Accounting Standards Advisory Board (FASAB) has issued Statement of Federal Financial Accounting Standards 54, *Leases: An Amendment of Statement of Federal Financial Accounting Standards (SFFAS) 5, Accounting for Liabilities of the Federal Government, and SFFAS 6, Accounting for Property, Plant, And Equipment.*

The Statement is available on the FASAB website at <http://www.fasab.gov/accounting-standards/>. Copies can be obtained by contacting FASAB at (202) 512-7350.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Ms. Wendy M. Payne, Executive Director, 441 G Street NW, Suite 1155, Washington, DC 20548, or call (202) 512-7350.

Authority: Federal Advisory Committee Act, Pub. L. 92-463.

Dated: April 17, 2018.

Wendy M. Payne,
Executive Director.

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FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION

[OMB 3060-0174 and 3060-0580]

Information Collections Being Submitted for Review and Approval to the Office of Management and Budget

AGENCY: Federal Communications Commission.

ACTION: Notice and request for comments.

SUMMARY: As part of its continuing effort to reduce paperwork burdens, and as required by the Paperwork Reduction Act (PRA) of 1995, the Federal Communications Commission (Commission) invites the general public and other Federal agencies to take this opportunity to comment on the following information collection. Comments are requested concerning: Whether the collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the Commission, including whether the information shall have practical utility; the accuracy of the Commission's burden estimate; ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information collected; ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on the respondents, including the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology; and ways to further reduce the information collection burden on small business concerns with fewer than 25 employees.

The Commission may not conduct or sponsor a collection of information unless it displays a currently valid control number. No person shall be subject to any penalty for failing to comply with a collection of information subject to the PRA that does not display a valid Office of Management and Budget (OMB) control number.

DATES: Written PRA comments should be submitted on or before May 23, 2018.

ADDRESSES: Direct all PRA comments to Nicholas A. Fraser, OMB, via email Nicholas_A_Fraser@omb.eop.gov; and to Cathy Williams, FCC, via email PRA@fcc.gov and to Cathy.Williams@fcc.gov. Include in the comments the Title as shown in the **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION** section below.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: For additional information about the information collection, contact Cathy Williams at (202) 418-2918.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: To view a copy of this information collection request (ICR) submitted to OMB: (1) Go to the web page <http://www.reginfo.gov/public/do/PRAMain>, (2) look for the

section of the web page called "Currently Under Review," (3) click on the downward-pointing arrow in the "Select Agency" box below the "Currently Under Review" heading, (4) select "Federal Communications Commission" from the list of agencies presented in the "Select Agency" box, (5) click the "Submit" button to the right of the "Select Agency" box, (6) when the list of Commission ICRs currently under review appears, look for the Title of this ICR and then click on the ICR Reference Number. A copy of the Commission's submission to OMB will be displayed.

OMB Control Number: 3060-0174.
Title: Sections 73.1212, 76.1615 and 76.1715, Sponsorship Identification.
Form Number: N/A.

Type of Review: Extension of a currently approved collection.

Respondents: Business or other for profit entities; Individuals or households.

Number of Respondents and Responses: 22,900 respondents and 1,877,000 responses.

Estimated Time per Response: .0011 to .2011 hours.

Frequency of Response: Recordkeeping requirement; Third party disclosure requirement; On occasion reporting requirement.

Total Annual Burden: 249,043 hours.
Total Annual Cost: \$34,623.

Obligation To Respond: Required to obtain or retain benefits. The statutory authority for this collection is contained in sections 4(i), 317 and 507 of the Communications Act of 1934, as amended.

Nature and Extent of Confidentiality: The FCC is preparing a system of records, FCC/MB-2, "Broadcast Station Public Inspection Files," to cover the personally identifiable information (PII) that may be included in the broadcast station public inspection files. Respondents may request materials or information submitted to the Commission be withheld from public inspection under 47 CFR 0.459 of the Commission's rules.

Privacy Impact Assessment(s): The FCC is preparing a PIA.

Needs and Uses: The information collection requirements that are approved under this collection are as follows:

47 CFR 73.1212 requires a broadcast station to identify at the time of broadcast the sponsor of any matter for which consideration is provided. For advertising commercial products or services, generally the mention of the name of the product or service constitutes sponsorship identification. In the case of television political

West Valley Site Helps Sponsor Area Environmental Competition



Envirothon participants examine a soil profile at the soils testing station during the competition.

WEST VALLEY, N.Y. – [EM West Valley Demonstration Project](#) (WVDP) cleanup contractor CH2M HILL BWXT West Valley (CHBWV) is a sponsor of a local outdoor environmental competition for students on April 25 that emphasizes teamwork while testing knowledge in areas such as aquatic ecology, forestry, soils and land use, and wildlife.

“Competitions like this help students to further their skills and become more environmentally aware adults,” EM WVDP Director Bryan Bower said. “It’s important that we engage students early in their education, and get them interested in the sciences.”

Ten teams, each with five area high school students, will participate in the Cattaraugus County Envirothon, which is organized by the Cattaraugus County Soil and Water Conservation District. They complete exams at five stations, where they identify various species of trees, wildlife, and fish on display; answer specific questions about habitat and other environmental-related issues; and give oral presentations.

The team with the highest score wins, and goes on to compete in the New York State Envirothon, where a champion team is chosen for the North American Envirothon.

“We are glad to be a part of this environmental learning competition,” CHBWV President and General Manager Jeff Bradford said. “Friendly competition stimulates students’ interest and learning to become the future stewards of our environment.”

Employees from CHBWV will volunteer at the event.

First held in 1979, the Envirothon is the largest conservation education program in North America and encourages student interest in natural resource conservation and environmental issues.

-Contributor: Joseph Pillittere