



EM Sites Clean Up Trash, Focus on Sustainability for Earth Day,

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Members of the Seneca Nation of Indians and others in the local community gather for a sunrise ceremony at the West Valley Demonstration Project to celebrate Earth Day.

At the [West Valley Demonstration Project](#) in New York state, EM and cleanup contractor CH2M HILL BWXT West Valley hosted the Seneca Nation of Indians' annual Earth Day event that pays tribute to the Cattaraugus Creek.

Participants attended a sunrise ceremony before kicking off the "Run, Walk and Paddle" event.

"Each step taken today is a prayer for healing for all," event coordinator Maria Maybee of the Seneca Nation said to the participants. "This event is a reminder that we must work together to protect the environment for it provides everything we need in life. It's important that this message is never forgotten, for we only have one environment."

Later, participants ate lunch at the Cattaraugus Community Center and gathered for a sunset ceremony at Seneca Nation Beach.



Jun Son, left, and Irene Ayumi participated in Earth Day events held by the Seneca Nation of Indians.