

## Latest Demolition Brings EM's West Valley Teardown Total to 62



*Demolition equipment takes the first bite out of a facility housing a liquid pretreatment system at EM's West Valley Demonstration Project.*

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**WEST VALLEY, N.Y.** – Workers recently tore down a facility housing a former liquid pretreatment system, bringing the total number of structures demolished in [EM's](#) cleanup at the [West Valley Demonstration Project](#) (WVDP) Site to 62.

The pretreatment system facility was located in an inactive disposal area closed years ago. Workers left the cap and cover for that disposal area intact during the recent demolition work. They will extend the cover to the area where the pretreatment system facility was removed. An interim protective cover is in place until a permanent one is installed later this year.

“The WVDP team’s work was well planned and executed in an effort to maintain safety and prevent any damage to the existing disposal area’s cap and cover during demolition,” EM WVDP Director Bryan Bower said. “This work is part of DOE’s efforts to reduce legacy risks while promoting sustainable environmental work practices and stewardship.”

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*A crew tears down the liquid pretreatment system structure.*



*Workers position a temporary protective cover over the pretreatment system facility demolition area until a permanent one is installed later this year.*

Located along the northern and eastern edges of the disposal area, the liquid pretreatment system was built in the late 1980s to remove kerosene, an oil-like chemical, from the groundwater after it was detected in some of the disposal area's monitoring wells. The kerosene came from waste buried in the disposal area during fuel reprocessing operations in the 1960s and 1970s.

"Our team continues to leverage their combined knowledge and expertise to safely complete the demolition, disposition, and restoration of facilities no longer in use or needed," said Scott Anderson, president of CH2M HILL BWXT West Valley, EM's WVDP cleanup contractor. "I'm proud of their accomplishment, and in the work they continue to do on this project."

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