

CHBWV employees lend a helping hand

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SPRINGVILLE – CH2M HILL BWXT West Valley employees, the Department of Energy's prime contractor at the West Valley Demonstration Project, used their day off to roll up their sleeves and work together to make a difference in their community. Employees helped two local non-profits improve their landscaping, building aesthetics and other needed maintenance repairs as part of their continued commitment to the community.



Employees from CH2M HILL BWXT West Valley volunteer to help put up a fence at The Club of Springville.

On Aug. 16, volunteers were split into two teams to perform work at Springville Youth Incorporated and Delevan Head Start. Materials for the work were purchased by the two non-profits and donated by CHBWV employees and local businesses.

More than 15 volunteers painted three classrooms, installed a new wooden fence and weeded, raked and re-mulched a playground. This day was part of United Way of Buffalo and Erie County's Business Meets Community at the Springville location and United Way of Cattaraugus County's Day of Caring at the Delevan location. Support from the community like this is more important now than ever, as competition for limited funding and the need for increased services continues.

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“Today’s success speaks volumes to the generosity and kindness of our employees and local businesses,” Lettie Chilson said, CHBWV Facility Manager and Day of Caring coordinator. “It shows the positive impact that kindness can have on a community.”

“I am honored to be a part of an event that makes a difference in our community,” Scott Anderson, CHBWV President and General Manager said. “I am also grateful that our employees, who work hard all week, would give a day’s worth of their free time for such a worthy cause. This clearly demonstrates the commitment our employees have for their community.”

A special thank you to Tree Care of New York and Theo’s Pizza in Delevan that supported this event.

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Photo provided

A transport truck hauls the large utility room extension building transformer offsite for recycling. Funds from recycling are used to offset cleanup and operational costs for the WVDP.

Cost savings continue at the West Valley Demonstration Project as workers shipped the utility room extension building's large transformer offsite to be recycled. To date, the WVDP has received more than \$14,000 in savings from their recycling efforts.

Crews continue to separate clean materials during demolition projects that can be recycled, which allows those cost savings to be used to offset ongoing cleanup efforts.

"Recycling is part of our commitment to be good stewards of the environment," Department of Energy-WVDP Director Bryan Bower said. "It's the right thing to do and helps save money for taxpayers and the government."

The URE was added to the main plant utility room in 1994 and 1995 to provide additional power needed for the vitrification melter that was used to solidify 600,000 of high-level liquid radioactive waste from 1996 to 2002. Like other activities at West Valley, the WVDP team undertakes comprehensive efforts to segregate clean areas and identify materials suitable for recycling.

Joe Ebert, Site Operations manager of CH2M HILL BWXT West Valley, EM's cleanup contractor, said, "Performing our cleanup efforts in a safe and environmentally sound manner is a formula for success. West Valley and other DOE Environmental Management sites continue to reduce legacy risks while staying focused on safety and the environment."

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West Valley Demonstration Project Quarterly Public Meeting

Wednesday, August 28, 2019

6:30 – 8:00 p.m.

Ashford Office Complex

9030 Route 219, West Valley, NY 14171

The U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) and the New York State Energy Research and Development Authority (NYSERDA) will hold a public meeting to provide information on WVDP activities and progress. NYSERDA and DOE will provide the public with an opportunity to ask questions and provide comments.

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