

EM site continues cost savings from transfer of equipment

Cost savings continue at the West Valley Demonstration Project (WVDP) from its transfer of a highly specialized piece of equipment that was used for lifting and moving 86.5-ton steel-reinforced concrete casks to a heavy-duty transfer cart during the High-Level Waste Relocation Project.

The transfer of this equipment to the St. Lawrence Seaway Development Corporation (SLSDC) for reuse avoids the time and expense of having to dispose of it as waste and will achieve a total savings valued at approximately \$1 million.

“Sharing highly specialized equipment like this that we no longer need at West Valley helps save money for taxpayers and the government,” DOE-WVDP Director Bryan Bower said. “It will save SLSDC cost and time on schedule because the equipment is already built, tested and used; even with minor retrofitting for our application.”

Workers at the WVDP in New York helped load a large hydraulic lifting truck capable of loads in excess of 90-tons for transportation to the SLSDC. The SLSDC, headquartered in Washington, D.C., is a wholly owned government corporation created by statute May 13, 1954, to construct, operate and maintain that part of the St. Lawrence Seaway between the Port of Montreal and Lake Erie, within the territorial limits of the United States. Operations are located at the two U.S. Seaway locks (Eisenhower and Snell) in Massena, N.Y.

“This cost savings is the result of employee engagement, innovation, and commitment in getting work done safely and maximizing resources,” CH2M HILL BWXT West Valley President Scott Anderson, said. “I am confident that our employees will continue this effort as we further reduce legacy risks at the site.”



The TL 220 leaves the West Valley Demonstration Project in New York for its six-hour ride to its new home in Massena, N.Y.

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