



## West Valley Calendar Promotes Safety From Perspectives of Children

**WEST VALLEY, N.Y.** – [EM](#) and its cleanup contractor at the [West Valley Demonstration Project \(WVDP\)](#) have come up with a new way to raise safety awareness, just in time for 2020: a calendar featuring drawings depicting general safety practices created by the children of employees.

“At the [West Valley Demonstration Project](#), it is understood that safety must be something that is not just remembered, but put into practice every day and in everything we do,” EM WVDP Safety and Site Programs Leader Jennifer Dundas said. “The [WVDP](#) Integrated Safety Management System (ISMS) Committee recognized that safety does not start and stop at the worksite. The Family Fun Safety Calendar engages not just employees, but their families as well, and provides a constant reminder on safety awareness.”



*Ellie and Kael Tuttle receive artist kits from CH2M HILL BWXT West Valley Facilities Manager Lettie Chilson as a reward for creating drawings for the EM [West Valley Demonstration Project's](#) Family Fun Safety Calendar.*



The Family Fun Safety Calendar features drawings by the children of employees at the **West Valley Demonstration Project**. The drawing for January was done by Eden McKune and submitted by CH2M HILL BWXT **West Valley** employee Bonnie Jeffery.



The ISMS Committee oversaw the project, with help from other employees. ISMS is a five-step method that calls for defining a scope of work, identifying and analyzing hazards, developing and implementing hazard controls, performing work within those controls, and providing feedback for continuous improvement.

The calendars, which were distributed to stakeholders and subcontractors, include monthly safety topics that can be discussed at worksite briefings.

"We wanted to find a new approach in creating safety awareness across the site, but in a unique way," CH2M HILL BWXT West Valley ISMS Committee Chair Jennifer Henry said. "The calendar allowed us to promote safety on-site as well as at home, and the children's drawings make them a got-to-have item."

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