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WVDP promotes safety through eyes of children



Ellie and Kael Tuttle receive an Artist's Kit for participating in this year's Family Fun Safety Calendar that was sponsored by the WVDP ISMS Committee. CHBWV Facilities Manager Lettie Chilson is their aunt and presented them with their participation reward.

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WEST VALLEY — The Department of Energy and CH2M HILL BWXT West Valley (CHBWV), its cleanup contractor at the **West Valley Demonstration Project**, created a new way to increase safety awareness for workers and their families.

It's called the Family Fun Safety Calendar and features drawings created by **WVDP** employees' children, ages 12 and under, that depict general safety practices.

"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, DOE-WVDP Safety and Site Programs Leader Jennifer Dundas, said. "The **WVDP** 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."

The Family Fun Safety Calendar was created in-house by the Integrated Safety Management System (ISMS) Committee with assistance from Human Resources and Administrative Support Services.

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Calendars include monthly safety topics that can be used as Safety Shares at pre-job briefings and federal holidays and company BeyondTargetZero Safety Meetings.

Calendars are also distributed to subcontractors and key stakeholders, and all the original drawings are posted at the site's offsite location to be viewed by employees and the public during Citizen Task Force and Quarterly Public Meetings.

"We wanted to find a new approach in creating safety awareness across the site, but in a unique way," Jennifer Henry, CHBWV ISMS Committee Chair, 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."