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**WVDP** employees assist Mid-State Communications worker with the annual inspection of the site's 200-foot tower. The inspection includes climbing the entire length of the tower to perform the required inspections.

## Annual inspection of 200-foot Meteorological Tower completed

The Department of Energy and its prime contractor CH2M HILL BWXT West Valley (CHBWV) recently completed the annual inspection of its 200-foot Meteorological Tower (Met Tower) located at the **West Valley Demonstration Project**. The inspection was performed by Mid-State Communications with assistance from CHBWV employees from Balance of Site Operations, and Regulatory Strategy and Compliance.

This work activity included observable inspections of the guy wires and appurtenances, grounding, and anchor points. During ground-level inspections, guy wires were re-tensioned as needed in accordance with compliance standards. Trained inspection professionals also climbed the tower to visually inspect the steel, replace the lights and check the paint for Federal Aviation Administration vividness.

“The Meteorological Tower is an important tool for the project and provides key risk management information that can be used for project success,” said CHBWV Vice President of Regulatory Strategy Janice Williams. “Demolition work is performed under the influence of external factors like the weather. In New York, that means planning for anything from high winds to snow, ice and rain, especially during the winter season. Being prepared is a key factor in the success of any project.”

“The annual inspection results are good news for the site and our use of the Met Tower information for site work,” WVDP Director Bryan Bower, said. “This information helps provide historical data for long-term planning, weather impacts, and responses to any unplanned conditions.”