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Department of Energy extends West Valley cleanup contract to 2023

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WEST VALLEY — The **West Valley Demonstration Project** nuclear cleanup contract has been extended for 39 months.

The U.S. Department of Energy's Office of Environmental Management announced this week it has extended CH2M Hill BWXT West Valley, LLC's cleanup contract to June 29, 2023.

The extension will enable CHBWV to safely and efficiently complete deactivation, demolition and removal of the Main Plant Process Building, the last remaining major facility at the **West Valley** site, as well as other facility disposition activities, according to a DOE statement.

In preparing the Main Plant Process Building for demolition, CHBWV has removed seven of the nine facilities surrounding the building, and has completed 98% of the deactivation work required before it can be demolished.

"The contract extension provides the best overall solution for completing demolition of the Main Plant Process Building in a safe and compliant manner," according to the statement.

The building was the center of operations by Nuclear Fuel Services Inc. to reprocess spent nuclear fuel rods from civilian and military nuclear plants to recover plutonium and other material from 1966 to 1972 when the plant closed. The extensive cleanup at the site got underway after passage of the **West Valley Demonstration Project Act** in 1980.

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“Based upon lessons learned from demolition of other contaminated facilities at **West Valley**, as well as other DOE sites, the extension eliminates previous incentives focused on cost and schedule, and replaces them with a new highly incentivized Performance-Based Incentive (PBI) structure aligned with the work to be performed.”

The contractor will be required to perform work safely and efficiently until the activities under the scope of work are completed.

The total value of the extension modification is \$243 million. The new contract value will be approximately \$836 million.

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