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## Face coverings purchase by CHBWV benefits employees, community and veterans



Photos provided

An employee at the West Valley Demonstration Project wears one of the cloth face coverings recently purchased for all employees. Pictured in the background is the main plant process building, which is scheduled to be demolished this year.



A cloth face covering with a notice to employees recommending use, is available to workers upon entering the site and at its offsite office complex.

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CH2M HILL BWXT West Valley, the prime contractor at the **West Valley Demonstration Project**, recently purchased cloth face coverings for its employees.

“Throughout the response to the COVID-19 pandemic, the USDOE and CHBWV have continued to follow the guidelines of the Administration, DOE, and other federal officials and state and local authorities,” USDOE-WVDP Director Bryan Bower said. One of those guidelines was the use of cloth face coverings when social distancing is not practicable.

CHBWV’s Procurement team learned about a local business that just started producing cloth face coverings, and at a lower cost than other potential vendors providing value to taxpayers.

“The health and safety of all employees at the **West Valley site** remains our top priority,” CHBWV President John Rendall said. “The purchases we make as part of our ongoing cleanup efforts help protect employees, the general public and the environment. This purchase had a positive impact beyond our site by helping another organization and its employees. It also helped us save money by buying locally, providing value to the taxpayer and support to the community.”

This local business is also providing cloth face coverings for free to Veterans; and a local non-profit receives one free face covering for every 10 made.

Using the procurement guidelines in the **West Valley** contract, CHBWV purchased the masks from Northeast Cleaners, a local business that is known for its dry-cleaning services and shirt laundering.

During the COVID-19 pandemic, both the **WVDP** and Northeast Cleaners have had to adjust to the impacts the virus has had on their operations. Together, both organizations have benefitted from their newfound partnership.