

West Valley Demonstration Project enhances site security and safety



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Securitas Critical Infrastructure Services Security Police Officer Garrey uses one of the new radios at the West Valley Demonstration Project to talk with the guard house during rounds.

The **West Valley Demonstration Project** enhanced its security and safety by purchasing digital trunked radios that can assign frequency channels to various groups of users. The new devices can communicate with existing radios at the **WVDP**, as well as fire departments, local and state police and emergency medical services. **WVDP** programmed the new equipment to allow interaction with those emergency response organizations.

“Our old radios were more than 20 years old, and needed to be replaced,” David Schuman said, CH2M HILL BWXT West Valley Safeguards and Security Manager. “These new radios enhance our security posture and improve officer safety. Improving our ability to share and communicate information more accurately will help us to better handle any situation that may arise.”

The site’s old radios needed to be replaced when frequencies, groups and users changed. The new radios will provide a cost savings because they can be reprogrammed instead of replaced to accommodate such changes.

The new devices will improve communications because they are capable of interoperability, which allows communication between **WVDP** and emergency responders across the U.S.

“We learned a lot over the years about the need for interoperability when it comes to emergencies and communications,” Schuman said. “These new radios will have a positive impact for **WVDP**’s security force, as well as employees and visitors.”