

NYSERDA opens archery deer hunting at the Western New York Nuclear Service Center

The **New York State Energy Research and Development Authority** will offer its annual deer hunting program at the **Western New York Nuclear Service Center** in the Town of Ashford Oct. 1 through Nov. 20. Approximately 1,500 acres will be open for hunting; participants must register for archery hunting online. Scouting will be available Sept. 19, 23 and 26; participants must register online for scouting. Crossbows will be allowed the last two weeks of archery season (Nov. 7 through 20).

NYSERDA's program is open to anyone with a valid 2020-21 New York State Department of Environmental Conservation Big Game or Sportsman License, and allows up to 10 hunters per area per day to hunt each scheduled day on a first-come, first-served basis. Hunters must complete an online West Valley Deer Hunting Application to participate in this year's program from **NYSERDA's West Valley** deer hunting website.

Hunters must complete an application to participate in **NYSERDA's** program; preapproval is mandatory. As per DEC regulations, licensed junior bowhunters (aged 12-13) must be accompanied by a parent, legal guardian or "youth mentor" who is at least 21 years of age. Junior Hunters (aged 14-15) must be accompanied by a parent, legal guardian or person 18 years or older. No minors under age 12 will be allowed in the field. For additional information regarding this program, visit **NYSERDA's West Valley** deer hunting website NY or contact the Deer Hunting Coordinator Alita Dueringer at 942-9960, ext. 4990.

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PUBLIC NOTICE OF CLOSURE PLAN

The United States Department of Energy (DOE) as operator of the **West Valley Demonstration Project (WVDP)** has notified the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (Department) of its intention to commence final closure of the Analytical and Process Chemistry (A&PC) Hot Cells at the **WVDP** facility in West Valley, NY 14171-9799. The A&PC Hot Cells are one of several hazardous waste management (HMW) units at the **WVDP** facility that requires closure under Title 6 of the New York Code of Rules and Regulations (6 NYCRR) Part 373. The DOE maintains a closure plan for each HWM unit as stipulated in §373-1.2(b) and §373-3.7. The A&PC Hot Cells closure plan (Doc. ID

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Number WVDP-447, Rev. 2, dated 12/22/14) was revised in response to Department comments and resubmitted on April 23, 2020 for Department review and approval. The Department has tentatively determined that the revised closure plan is consistent with the regulatory requirements for the closure of hazardous/mixed waste container storage and treatment areas in the analytical and process chemistry hot cells and, as such, can be approved. The intention of this public notice is to solicit comment from the public on the A&PC Hot Cells closure plan.

The revised A&PC Hot Cells closure plan (Doc. ID Number WVDP-447, Rev. 3, dated 04/20/20) includes the total removal of the A&PC Hot Cells 1 through 5 as a hazardous/mixed waste container storage and treatment unit during above ground Main Plant Process Building (MPPB) demolition. All A&PC Hot Cell demolition debris will be packaged and dispositioned for off-site disposal. DOE has stated within their closure plan that no spills or releases of hazardous/ mixed waste to the environment have occurred from these HWM units.

State Environmental Quality Review (SEQR) status: The closure activities will be performed by complete removal and offsite disposal of the A&PC Hot Cells. Closure of the A&PC Hot Cells by removal would not typically result in significant changes to the surrounding areas of the **WVDP** facility and is a Type II action which is not subject to SEQR.

State regulation requires that the public be given thirty (30) days to provide written comments on this draft closure plan. The public comment period begins on 09/10/20 and will extend through 10/26/20. Copies of the closure plan may be obtained by contacting either Mr. Patrick Concannon, Engineering Geologist, at NYSDEC Region 9, Division of Materials Management, 270 Michigan Ave., Buffalo, NY 14203 [Telephone Number: (716) 851-7220; email: Patrick.Concannon@dec.ny.gov] or Mrs. Lynn Winterberger, Chief, RCRA Permitting Section at NYSDEC, Central Office, Division of Materials Management, 625 Broadway, Albany, NY 12233-7256 [Telephone Number: (518) 402-9267]. Comments on the closure plan must be sent no later than 10/26/20 to:

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All comments will be considered and evaluated in making the final determination for approving the closure plan. Prior to the approval of the closure plan the Department will respond to any comments submitted by the public. The Department will approve, modify or disapprove the draft closure plan based on the information received during the comment period and public hearing, if required. A notice of the final decision will be sent to each interested citizen or organization who submitted written comments or have requested such notice. #29