

## West Valley Encapsulates Slab, Protecting Employees and Environment





**WEST VALLEY, N.Y.** – A facility disposition crew at [EM's West Valley Demonstration Project \(WVDP\)](#) recently encapsulated a concrete foundation slab left following the demolition of a utility building. EM and cleanup contractor CH2M HILL BWXT West Valley encapsulated the slab with a water-based coating that forms an impermeable barrier between hazardous or contaminated materials and the environment. The slab no longer presents an asbestos hazard following this work. This practice protects employees from the hazardous material, safeguards against unintended releases, and is required for any work involving asbestos. The former utility building was demolished in September 2020 and was the last ancillary support building to be removed prior to the demolition of the Main Plant Process Building, scheduled for 2021. EM has removed 67 structures at the site.

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