

WVDP promotes safety through the eyes of children

EM and CH2M HILL BWXT West Valley (CHBWV), its cleanup contractor at the **West Valley Demonstration Project**, produced its annual site calendar in a creative way to increase safety awareness for workers and their families. It is called the Family Fun Safety Calendar and features drawings created by **WVDP** employees' children, ages 12 and under, that depict general safety practices.

“At the **West Valley Demonstration Project**, it is understood that safety must be something that is not just remembered but put into practice every day and in everything we do,” DOE-WVDP Safety and Site Programs Leader Jennifer Dundas, said. “Safety does not start and stop at the work site. The Family Fun Safety Calendar is designed to engage employees as well as their families and provide a constant reminder on safety awareness.”

The Family Fun Safety Calendar was created in-house by the Integrated Safety Management System (ISMS) team with assistance from Human Resources and Administrative Support Services. Calendars include monthly safety topics that are used for Safety Shares at pre-job briefings, along with federal holidays and company BeyondTargetZero Safety Meetings. Calendars are also distributed to subcontractors and key stakeholders.

“This is approach creates safety awareness across the site in a unique way,” Ken Whitham, CHBWV Vice President of Environmental, Safety, Health and Quality, said. “The calendar allowed us to promote safety onsite as well as at home; and the children’s drawings make them a ‘got-to-have’ item.”

