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**Restoring rail shipment capabilities for the site was one of the many accomplishments in 2021 by crews at the West Valley Demonstration Project.**

## **Progress with WVDP decommissioning to continue in 2022**

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Workers at the **West Valley Demonstration Project** continue to move forward in their efforts to decommission the **West Valley Nuclear Service Center** and build on the success from last year. New projects and goals have been set for 2022 as crews continue work on the site.

In 2021, crews from CH2M HILL BWXT West Valley, LLC at the **West Valley Demonstration Project** completed a variety of projects including restoring rail shipment capabilities for the site, continuing preparation for the main plant process building demolition, installing a new water collection and treatment

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system, repurposing an administrative trailer complex into a multipurpose building to support MPPB demolition, placing several cells used during spent fuel reprocessing operations into a readiness state for future demolition, removing the west wall of the MPPB to continue deactivation inside the acid recovery cell and continuing aggressive decontamination in the product purification cell-south.

Since the start of the contract, crews have also completed the removal and restoration of 46 balance of site facilities that are no longer needed for current or future cleanup efforts, which this year included a septic system and well associated with a former schoolhouse at the **WVDP**.

“The **West Valley Demonstration Project** team continues to deliver results in a manner that is safe and protective of employees, the local community and environment. Employees continue to reduce legacy risks at the site in an environmentally sound manner, which is a testament to their dedication and commitment. The removal and area restoration of 46 site structures that are no longer needed changed the landscape of the site and the community. The safe and deliberate deactivation of several fuel reprocessing cells, along with the removal of the west wall of the main plant process building, signals that demolition of this last and largest remaining structure is in the very near future. I am truly proud to be a part of this team, and I look forward to continuing our work together,” WVDP Director Bryan Bower said.

Along with its decommissioning work, crews at the **WVDP** pride themselves on being able to help the local community. In 2021, work throughout the community included giving community support checks to Mercy Flight, West Valley Fire District #1 and Bertrand Chaffee Hospital, participating in the Day of Caring by performing work at Springville Youth Incorporated, hosting its annual food drive that collected more than 120,000 pounds of food for nine food pantries, donating \$15,945 to the United Way and donating approximately \$11,000 in 2021 to local not-for-profits for a variety of needs.

“We have a strong commitment to our community and I am proud of the positive impact our employees, partners and subcontractors have made throughout the year,” CH2M HILL BWXT West Valley, LLC President John Rendall said. “The success of our community outreach efforts is a direct result of the generosity of everyone involved and it shows the positive impact that kindness can have on a community.”

Looking toward 2022, the CH2M HILL BWXT West Valley, LLC crews look to complete a number of goals in their decommissioning efforts at the **West Valley Demonstration Project**. Goals include performing all work safely and compliantly, completing deactivation activities in the product purification cell and completing the disposition of waste, complete remaining MPPB demolition preparations, beginning demolition of the MPPB and ship four million pounds of debris, beginning rail shipments from **WVDP** for MPPB demolition, completing PTW soil containment escalation and disposal, processing and overpacking degraded containers and completing demolition of the load-in facility.

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**Crews at the WVDP completed a variety of community outreach projects in 2021, including its annual food drive.**