Protect the Great Lakes and Western NY's Drinking Water

Join Erie, Niagara, Cattaraugus Counties and the Seneca Nation in Support of Full Cleanup of the West Valley Nuclear Waste Site

Send Comments by September 8, 2009 via www.westvalleyeis.com

Will you help protect the Great Lakes and Western New York for future generations? The Great Lakes need YOU to comment on the proposed West Valley nuclear waste site cleanup plan. Radioactive and hazardous wastes from nuclear power and weapons are buried at the site which is cut by creeks that drain into Lake Erie, upstream of the drinking water for millions. The “cleanup options are described in a Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS), now open for comment. See KEY POINTS ON WV CLEANUP memo for critique of the DEIS cleanup options—dig it up or let it leak.

Groups, Individuals, Governments, Everyone! Please send comments in support of the safest cleanup—an immediate decision to dig up the waste so it cannot leak into our water and environment. Without public pressure, the US Department of Energy will select their "preferred alternative" which is to wait up to 30 years to decide whether to clean up the site, while 99% of the radioactivity is left to spread toward our water.

You can mail DOE written comments postmarked until Sept. 8, 2009 to Catherine Bohan, EIS Document Manager, West Valley Demonstration Project, Department of Energy, PO Box 2368, Germantown, MD 20874. Mark your correspondence as “Draft Decommissioning and/or Long term Stewardship EIS Comments.” To submit electronically go to www.westvalleyeis.com

Please also send your comments to Frank Murray, President, NYSERDA and Governor David Paterson
17 Columbia Circle, Albany, NY 12203 State Capitol, Albany, NY 12224. This is an important decision for NY and Canada's Great Lakes.

To view the DEIS Cleanup Options + submit comments, go to www.westvalleyeis.com

To view the independent West Valley Full Cost Accounting Report, go to www.besafenet.com, www.nirs.org or www.ectoxic.org

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