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Draft Environmental Impact Statement Cleared for Publication

West Valley, NY -- The U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) today announced the *Revised Draft Environmental Impact Statement for Decommissioning and/or Long-Term Stewardship at the West Valley Demonstration Project and Western New York Nuclear Service Center* (DOE/EIS-0226-D (Revised)) has been approved for publication. This approval represents completion of the last internal step to allow printing, distribution, and filing of the document with the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA). Once the document has been publicly distributed and filed with the EPA, a Notice of Availability will be published in the Federal Register to begin a 6 month public review period. Public distribution of the document is slated for late November, 2008. The Notice of Availability is expected to be published on December 5, 2008.

This Draft EIS evaluates the reasonable range of alternatives for decommissioning and/or long-term stewardship of the facilities at the West Valley Demonstration Project (WVDP) and Western New York Nuclear Service Center. It is a revised draft of the 1996 Cleanup and Closure Draft EIS.

The WVDP is a DOE-managed, contractor-operated, environmental cleanup project located on the site of the Western New York Nuclear Service Center, owned by the state of New York and administered by the New York State Energy Research and Development Authority. Located on approximately 200 acres about 40 miles south of Buffalo, the WVDP occupies the site of the only commercial used nuclear fuel reprocessing facility to have operated in the United States.

Further information about the West Valley Demonstration Project can be found at <http://www.wv.doe.gov>

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