

**HSS Independent Activity Report - Rev. 0****Report Number:** HIAR-WVDP-2011-11-07**Site:** West Valley  
Demonstration Project**Subject:** Office of Enforcement and Oversight's Office of Safety and Emergency  
Management Evaluations Activity Report for the Orientation Visit to the  
West Valley Demonstration Project**Dates of Activity :** 11/07/2011**Report Preparer:** Joseph P. Drago**Activity Description/Purpose:**

The U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) Office of Enforcement and Oversight, within the Office of Health, Safety and Security (HSS), conducted an orientation visit to the DOE West Valley Demonstration Project (WVDP) Office and the nuclear facility at West Valley, NY, on November 7, 2011. The purpose of the visit was to discuss the nuclear safety oversight strategy, describe the site lead program, increase HSS personnel's operational awareness of the site's activities, and identify specific activities that HSS can perform to carry out its independent oversight responsibilities.

During the visit, the HSS Site Lead briefed the DOE WVDP Director, Safety & Site Programs Team Lead, and Nuclear Safety/Radiation Safety Subject Matter Expert (SME), on the site lead program. The Nuclear Safety SME provided an overview of major activities underway on the site and nuclear safety oversight schedule.

The Facility Representative and the Nuclear Safety SME provided the HSS site lead with tours of the Remote Handled Waste Facility, Main Plant Building, Vitrification Facility, and the Waste Tank Farm. The Waste Processing and Support Activities described in the documented safety analysis are categorized as DOE nonreactor nuclear hazard category 3 facilities. The tour gave the site lead the opportunity to interact with senior staff and increase knowledge of current activities and planned operations at the facilities.

**Result:**

The goals of the orientation visit were accomplished. The HSS site lead met key personnel and obtained an operational awareness of the facilities and obtained copies of the safety basis documents for the facilities, safety evaluation report, and current fiscal year assessment schedule.

**HSS Participants**

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**References**

- West Valley Demonstration Project Waste Processing and Support Activities Documented Safety Analysis
- West Valley Demonstration Project Technical Safety Requirements
- West Valley Demonstration Project Safety Evaluation Report

Were there any items for HSS follow up?  Yes  No**HSS Follow Up Items**

- None.