

July 23, 2002

Mr. Raymond C. Vaughan
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Dear Mr. Vaughan:

I am responding on behalf of the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) to your letter of April 14, 2002, on behalf of the Coalition on West Valley Nuclear Wastes (Coalition), transmitting comments on the NRC's Final Policy Statement on "Decommissioning Criteria for the West Valley Demonstration Project." After reviewing your comments, the Commission continues to believe that its Final Policy Statement fully meets the requirements of the 1980 West Valley Demonstration Project Act and that it provides a sound framework for the decommissioning of the West Valley site.

We appreciate the Coalition's involvement at the West Valley site. Although the Commission has completed action on the Final Policy Statement, we will continue to consider the views of the Coalition and look forward to working with the Coalition as decommissioning at West Valley progresses.

Sincerely,

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