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RESTORATION OF FUNDING FOR THE WEST VALLEY DEMONSTRATION PROJECT

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The Cattaraugus County Planning Board passed a resolution at its September 30th, 2010 meeting requesting the restoration of the funding of \$85 million per year that is needed by the West Valley Demonstration Project to accomplish the work required for the Phase 1 decommissioning activities that will begin next year.

The West Valley Demonstration Project is the most significant and substantial non-defense related radioactive cleanup project managed by the U.S. Department of Energy, and the continued remediation of the site is of vital importance to our County's economy and environment. The work at the site provides many skilled jobs for our region's labor force. In addition, the radioactive waste at the site is still substantial and presents a continued threat to our local air, land and water quality.

We believe that the studies and work required for Phase 1 should be fully funded so that the eventual goal of sitewide removal and unrestricted release of the site can be met.

Thank you for your interest in and consideration of this issue.

Sincerely,



Charles W. Couture
Chairman

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