



Department of Energy

Washington, DC 20585

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Mr. Larry Camper
Director
Division of Waste Management and
Environmental Protection
U. S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission
11555 Rockville Pike
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Dear Mr. Camper:

The Department of Energy (DOE) has prepared a draft evaluation to analyze whether the West Valley Demonstration Project (WVDP) Concentrator Feed Makeup Tank and Melter Feed Hold Tank (the vessels) are waste incidental to reprocessing, not high-level waste, and may be managed as low-level waste pursuant to DOE Manual 435.1-1, *Radioactive Waste Management Manual*. Enclosed for your consultative review and comment is the WVDP Draft Waste Incidental to Reprocessing (WIR) Evaluation for the vessels and a DVD which contains the key references cited in the draft evaluation. Your consultative review of the draft evaluation will provide valuable technical input. Please conduct your consultative review in accordance with the Interagency Agreement DE-EM0001931 between the Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) and DOE. We would appreciate receiving your technical evaluation report within 120 days of receipt of this letter.

This draft evaluation is a pre-decisional document. In addition to consulting with NRC, DOE is providing the opportunity for public and state review and comment. DOE will consider NRC, public, and state comments in its final waste determination.

If you have any questions or need additional information regarding the review of this Draft WIR Evaluation, please contact me, at (202) 586-0370 or Mr. Douglas Tonkay, Director, Office of Disposal Operations, at (301) 903-7212.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Frank Marcinowski".

Frank Marcinowski
Deputy Assistant Secretary for
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Enclosures

