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Nuclear Regulatory Commission  
Office of Inspection and Enforcement  
Region 1  
King of Prussia, Pennsylvania 19406

Dear Sirs:

We, the Honor Society of East Junior High School, request information concerning the situation at West Valley, New York. Some of the questions we would like answered are:

- 1.) What are the effects of radioactive wastes on bodies of water surrounding New York State?
- 2.) What are the immediate effects and the long-range effects of stored radioactive waste on the environment and people?
- 3.) Are there any measurable effects in the immediate area of West Valley at the present time?
- 4.) What types of containers are the wastes stored in, and how long will these containers safely hold the wastes?
- 5.) What condition are the containers in at present?
- 6.) How can these wastes be safely dealt with, not only for our generation, but for all future generations?
- 7.) Why was West Valley chosen in the first place?
- 8.) At the time the containers were put in the area, did anyone realize the effects that might occur in the future?
- 9.) Are there any other similar waste dumps in the United States?
- 10.) Are you or anyone else planning to reopen the West Valley dump site; and if you are, to what extent would the population of New York State be endangered?

We are concerned mainly because this problem, if a problem exists, will affect our lives in the future. We are confident that you can help us with the answers to these questions; but if there are certain questions you cannot answer, would you please give us the titles and addresses of other agencies that could help?

Sincerely yours,

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