

December 28, 1999

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SUBJECT: U.S. NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION MONITORING VISIT 99-03

Dear Ms. Mazurowski:

On December 6 - 10, 1999, Todd Jackson of this office conducted a routine monitoring visit at the Department of Energy's (DOE's) West Valley Demonstration Project of activities of West Valley Nuclear Services Company, Inc. (WVNS), the DOE contractor at the site. The purpose of the monitoring visit was to review the status of the contractor's program for the operation of the vitrification facility and the site relative to its radiological impact on public health and safety. The results of this monitoring visit were discussed with your staff on December 9, 1999, and with you and WVNS management on December 10, 1999. Details of this review are provided in the enclosed report.

As a result of this review, the monitor determined that the contractor has established and maintained controls, processes, and programs adequate to protect public health and safety.

Please contact me at (610)337-5200 with any questions about this report.

Sincerely,

**Original signed by Ronald R. Bellamy**

Ronald R. Bellamy, Chief  
Decommissioning and Laboratory Branch  
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Enclosure:  
Monitoring Report No. 99-03

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