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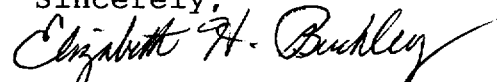
Dear Sir:

Once more I write to yet another government agency asking for a sensible clean-up of nuclear waste at the West Valley, NY site. I'm sure that these written comments are yet another delaying tactic to see if the resolve of citizens like myself can be eroded by passing the buck among a seemingly infinite number of nuclear regulatory agencies. So, I'll be brief:

1. All nuclear waste at West Valley should be dug up, stored above ground in retrievable containers and be removed from West Valley when a repository is available. This includes exhuming the burial grounds.
2. I don't believe that institutional control of entombed waste is feasible. Agency after agency will find that such control doesn't come under their job description, until eventually the site will be forgotten. Future generations will decide that this scenic area is perfect for a housing development. It will be Love Canal all over again, only much worse.
3. Stop trying to make this problem go away by changing vocabulary. The high level waste left in the tank should not be reclassified as "incidental" waste. What a typically bureaucratic thing to do!
4. Stop contriving to change the parameters for calculating exposure doses. The entire site, including both burial grounds, must be incorporated in potential dose calculations.

I could go on and on. I'm asking for an ethical solution to an environmental nightmare that was foisted on the citizens of Ashford Township so many years ago. Politicians agreed to undertake the West Valley Reprocessing Center in the 1960's. Now political agencies must undo the damage by wise planning for the next 500 years.

Sincerely,


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