

DOE Cites West Valley Facility Contractor for Nuclear Safety Violations

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WASHINGTON, DC The Department of Energy has issued a Preliminary Notice of Violation to West Valley Nuclear Services, manager of the West Valley Demonstration Project Vitrification Facility in West Valley, N.Y., for violations of nuclear safety requirements. The violations are associated with high-level waste contamination that resulted from maintenance activity on the lines used to measure the level and density of the radioactive waste. Although there were no radiological exposures to workers, the department expressed concern with the multiple failures in formality of operations which led to the event and the fact that many of the deficiencies were known to exist prior to the event. No civil penalty was imposed as a result of the violations. Corrective actions will be required. Details of the Preliminary Notice Of Violation can be found on the Internet at <http://www.eh.doe.gov/enforce>.