Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs) for the Phase 1 Studies on the Decommissioning and/or Long-Term Stewardship of the West Valley Demonstration Project and the Western New York Nuclear Service Center

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Stakeholder:

"How do stakeholders raise and discuss issues with DOE/NYSERDA and how will stakeholder input be used in the Phase 1 Studies process?"

DOE/NYSERDA:

"Stakeholder issues/comments/recommendations may be raised to DOE/NYSERDA at any time. Because this is a joint process between DOE and NYSERDA, any discussion of stakeholder issues must occur with the two agencies collectively. DOE and NYSERDA will jointly respond to comments submitted in writing and will endeavor to do so in a timely manner.

DOE and NYSERDA hold the authority and responsibility for decision making at the site. The Phase 1 Studies process is intended to facilitate interagency consensus on Phase 2 decisions by employing recognized scientific principles to evaluate a number of Potential Areas of Study (PAS). Stakeholder input during all aspects of the Phase 1 Study process will be given consideration by the agencies and by the experts (Independent Scientific Panel [ISP] and Subject Matter Experts [SME]) with regards to how the input may contribute toward facilitating interagency consensus in the Phase 2 decision process."

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Stakeholder:

"Can I provide comments on members of the Independent Scientific Panel and Subject Matter Experts? I have suggestions for additional experts. How and when do I submit comments on the experts? Will a timeline/schedule for all Potential Areas of Study (PAS) be provided so I can make recommendations at the appropriate time?"

DOE/NYSERDA:

"DOE and NYSERDA will approve all members of the Independent Scientific Panel (ISP) and Subject Matter Experts (SME). Input on the ISP and SME groups can be provided to DOE and NYSERDA at any time. The agencies will give consideration to, and respond to written stakeholder comments and recommendations on SMEs. Progress on the identification of SMEs will be provided at public meetings and via the Phase 1 Studies website. The agencies will keep stakeholders informed of upcoming PAS work activities as far in advance as possible."

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Stakeholder:

"Who is ECS? Who is ITSI? Who is Armstrong and Associates? Who is CHBWV? Who is SEC? Is the work of these contractors related? If so, how?"

DOE/NYSERDA:

"Enviro Compliance Solutions (ECS), Inc. was selected by DOE and NYSERDA as the prime contractor for implementation of the Phase 1 Studies. The contract issued to ECS is a joint contract with DOE and NYSERDA and carries a 50 percent cost share for each agency. Innovative Technical Solutions, Inc. (ITSI) and Armstrong and Associates are subcontractors to ECS. ECS, ITSI, and Armstrong and Associates are working as contractors and subcontractors to DOE and NYSERDA on the Phase 1 Studies. For the purposes of the Phase 1 Studies project, ECS, ITSI and Armstrong and Associates are all considered ECS. CH2M Hill Babcock & Wilcox West Valley, LLC (CHBWV) is the contractor selected by DOE to implement the work associated with the WVDP Phase 1 Decommissioning-Facility Disposition Contract. Safety and Ecology Corporation (SEC) is the contractor selected by DOE to implement the work associated with its environmental characterization services contract. SEC will perform environmental characterization support services for the WVDP including work associated with the Phase 1 Characterization Sampling and Analysis Plan for the West Valley Demonstration Project (CSAP) and the Phase 1 Final Status Survey Plan for the West Valley Demonstration Project (FSSP). The CSAP and FSSP were requirements of the Phase 1 Decommissioning Plan for the WVDP and will support Phase 1 decommissioning for the WVDP, and are not part of the Phase 1 Studies process. Only DOE has a contract with

CHBWV and SEC. CHBWV and SEC have no working relationship with ECS and are not currently involved in the Phase 1 Studies process."

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Stakeholder:

"How do I find out about meeting dates, agendas, and call-in numbers? How can I get an advance copy of other meeting materials such as presentation slides? Where can I get information on meetings I have missed? How can I become part of the notification list? Where can I find DOE/NYSERDA responses to written comments? Where can I find Scope of Work documents?"

DOE/NYSERDA:

"ECS is developing a website devoted exclusively to the Phase 1 Studies Process. The website will be a repository for all important documents, updates, announcements, etc. Efforts will be made to ensure all meeting news and documents are available on the website in advance of the meetings. Also posted to the website will be information about the experts and contractors implementing the Phase 1 Studies. Technical reports, DOE/NYSERDA responses to written comments, and Scope of Work documents for Phase 1 Studies will be posted on the website. Registering on the website with contact information will allow stakeholders to join a notification list for Phase 1 Studies updates, including meeting information. In the interim, until the website is operational, contact Moira Maloney (DOE) and Lee Gordon (NYSERDA) if you have questions."

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Stakeholder:

"Will meetings be broadcast on the web?"

DOE/NYSERDA:

“While a webcast may be appropriate for some meetings and meeting formats, it is not currently planned for webcasts to be used for routine public meetings.”

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Stakeholder:

"How can stakeholders interact with the experts? Are expert meetings open to the public?"

DOE/NYSERDA:

The process established by DOE and NYSERDA allows both the Independent Scientific Panel (ISP) and the Subject Matter Experts (SME) to conduct their work in internal work sessions and meetings. Stakeholders will have an opportunity to interact directly with the ISP and SME at public meetings, to discuss stakeholder concerns and recommendations. The ISP and SME will attend public meetings as needed in person or via telephone to present and discuss their progress and recommendations."

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Stakeholder:

"How long will the Phase 1 Studies take? How long will Phase 1 Decommissioning take?"

DOE/NYSERDA:

"DOE and NYSERDA have committed to making Phase 2 decisions by early 2020. As such, the Phase 1 Studies will be scoped to be completed by approximately 2018 (in six years) so the agencies have time to fully implement Phase 1 Studies results in their Phase 2 decisions.

Phase 1 Decommissioning of the WVDP will take about 10 years to complete. A number of factors (including Congressional and State appropriations) may alter this schedule."

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Stakeholder:

"What is the role of the facilitator in the Phase 1 Studies process? Do stakeholders direct communications to the facilitator?"

DOE/NYSERDA:

"The facilitator will serve two primary roles in the Phase 1 Studies process: (1) To moderate public meetings, ensuring ground rules are followed and ensuring effective communication between stakeholders, DOE/NYSERDA, experts, and contractors; and (2) To facilitate discussion between and among expert groups (ISP and SME) as necessary. Stakeholders will continue to submit written communications to the DOE (Moira Maloney) and NYSERDA (Lee Gordon)."

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Stakeholder:

"Will stakeholders be involved in drafting public meeting agendas? How can stakeholders propose meeting topics?"

DOE/NYSERDA:

"ECS will draft public meeting agendas at the direction of DOE/NYSERDA. DOE and NYSERDA will consider suggestions by stakeholders for meeting topics."

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Stakeholder:

"Is there a comprehensive public participation plan for the Phase 1 Studies?"

DOE/NYSERDA:

"The agencies are committed to a process that involves opportunity for meaningful public input throughout the Phase 1 Studies process. This commitment is outlined in the *Guidance for Identifying and Conducting Potential Phase 1 Studies on the Decommissioning and/or Long-Term Stewardship of the West Valley Demonstration Project and Western New York Nuclear Service Center January 13, 2011* and the Second Supplemental Agreement. These FAQs reiterate this commitment."

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Stakeholder:

"Will there be other topics for discussion at the Quarterly Public Meetings? Will DOE/NYSERDA provide an overview and timeline for all West Valley activities?"

DOE/NYSERDA:

"DOE and NYSERDA will continue to update stakeholders on site activities other than the Phase 1 Studies at the Quarterly Public Meetings. Stakeholders may suggest agenda topics for upcoming meetings. DOE and NYSERDA will continue to inform the public of ongoing and planned West Valley activities, including expected timetables."