CHBWV achieves safe work record

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WEST VALLEY—CH2M HILL BWXT West Valley LLC employees and their subcontractors achieved 2 million safe work hours without a lost-time accident on May 18. At a rate of approximately 46,000 man-hours per month, CHBWV achieved this goal over the past 30 months.

"Safety is our number one priority at the project," stated Jeff Bradford, president and general manager. "We encourage our workforce to maintain a questioning attitude and to watch out for the safety of their co-workers each and every day. Reaching this important milestone is proof that we take safety seriously".

The Department of Energy for the West Valley Demonstration Project selected CHBWV in August 2011 to perform cleanup activities. "I am constantly impressed with our team," stated Bryan Bower, the Department of Energy director at the West Valley Demonstration Project. "This team is committed to delivering results while preserving worker safety as our shared value."

Since contract start, CHBWV has deactivated 94 percent of the vitrification facility and 49 percent of the main process plant building, constructed an interim storage pad and relocated 35 of 275 high-level waste canisters to an on-site interim storage pad, shipped nearly 50 percent of all legacy waste, completed demolition of 14 out of 47 additional facilities, performing all work safely and compliantly.

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