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 c/o Karla Thomas

Dear Ms. Grant

This is a request for a meeting on Thursday Feb 27th regarding nuclear waste issues affecting Erie County.

My name is Diane D'Arrigo, originally from Buffalo, I now am the radioactive waste project director at Nuclear Information and Resource Service which is part of the West Valley Action Network—a network of labor, environment, Native American, religious, recreation and good-government groups in Western NY, statewide, national and international, advocating for the full cleanup of the West Valley Nuclear and hazardous waste site upstream of the Buffalo and Erie County drinking water supply. A recent article from Buffalo Rising on the site <http://buffalorising.com/2013/06/out-of-sight-in-our-water/> gives a good overview of it.

The site is owned by New York State Energy Research and Development Authority (NYSERDA) and the US Department of Energy (DOE) is tasked by federal law (West Valley Demonstration Project Act of 1980) to clean up a large portion of the site. It is in Cattaraugus County on the edge of Erie County and drains into the Cattaraugus Creek which empties into Lake Erie just upstream of the Buffalo and Erie County Water intakes.

There are very large amounts of long-lasting radioactive waste in the ground at the site, an underground radioactive plume migrating from the site into streams that drain into Lake Erie. It will take major pressure to get the waste excavated and stored in a location and way that does not threaten the WNY and Canadian water supply in the long run.

We would like to meet with you to go over the issues with the site and potential impacts on Erie County.

In addition, we would like to provide information on proposed *liquid* high level radioactive waste shipments from Canada to South Carolina that are suspected could come through western NY, possibly over the Peace Bridge or Lewiston Bridge. (Recent TV report on this: <http://www.investigativepost.org/2014/02/19/peace-bridge-radioactive-connection/>)

Please let me know if you have time on Thursday. There are one or two others from other of the West Valley Action Network that could join us depending on what time is convenient for you.

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Thank you so much for consideration of this request.

Sincerely,

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