One-Page Summary of the Remarks to be delivered to the "Reactor and Fuel Cycle Subcommittee of the Blue Ribbon Commission on America's Nuclear Future," by Paul Bembia, West Valley Site Management Program Director for the New York State Energy Research and Development Authority, on August 31, 2010

- **Greetings and Introduction**

- **The Origins of the West Valley Commercial Nuclear Fuel Reprocessing Facility**
  The events at West Valley over the last 50 years will be summarized to provide the context for my comments on the concerns of the community and the role of communities and State and local governments in the development of new reactor and fuel cycle technologies.

- **Operational History of the West Valley Reprocessing Facility**
  A brief description of the operating history of the West Valley reprocessing plant will be provided.

- **Shutdown and Uncertainty**
  A brief description of the events leading to the shutdown of the West Valley reprocessing plant will be provided. I will also describe the actions taken by the U.S. Congress after the private operator announced its intention to transfer the shut-down reprocessing facility to New York State.

- **West Valley Demonstration Project**
  The direction from Congress to DOE under the West Valley Demonstration Project Act will be summarized.

- **The Cleanup – A Federal-State Partnership**
  The respective responsibilities of New York State and DOE will be summarized.

- **Progress on the Cleanup and Status of the Site**
  Progress and costs to date for the West Valley Demonstration Project will be summarized.

- **Local Community Concerns, Based on the West Valley Experience**
  Given the history of the West Valley Site, the concerns of the community will be discussed. Specific concerns include environmental and worker safety concerns, economic impacts and responsibility concerns.

- **Role to be Played by State and Local Governments and the Community in the Development of New Reactor and Fuel Cycle Technologies**
  Suggestions for State and local government and community involvement will be provided.