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**WEST VALLEY, N.Y.** - [EM](#) and its cleanup contractor [CH2M HILL BWXT West Valley](#) recently went underwater to clean and inspect a fire water storage tank at the [West Valley Demonstration Project \(WVDP\)](#). EM maintains 460,000 gallons of water in the 40-foot-tall tank in the event of a fire. Trained divers performed repair work after the inspection and cleaning in accordance with National Fire Protection Association requirements, which will increase the life expectancy and viability of the tank for several years. Pictured at the top of the fire water storage tank are divers Nick Bednarz, Mike Smith, and Tom Elstad with [BIDCO Marine Group](#), which supported the WVDP tank inspection.