

WVDP successfully demolishes former laundry facility

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WEST VALLEY – EM and its cleanup contractor CH2M HILL BWXT West Valley, LLC recently completed the demolition of the former laundry facility at the West Valley Demonstration Project. This is the third of seven ancillary support structures to be demolished under the current contract. Laundry operations stopped in 2012 when it was outsourced to a private contractor as a cost-savings measure.



Crews begin demolition on the laundry facility.

“This accomplishment allows the workforce to continue with the demolition of the remaining ancillary structures as the footprint and associated legacy risks are reduced,” DOE-WVDP Assistant Director Craig Rieman said.

Using a large excavator and shear attachment, workers safely demolished the laundry facility after taking extra precautions when removing the hot side duct work. The hot side was used to clean potentially contaminated clothes worn during reprocessing and cleanup operations.

“The WVDP team continues its planned and deliberate demolition approach as they work towards the safe and compliant completion of this contract milestone.” Scott Anderson, CHBWW President and General Manager said.

This support structure was originally built in 1964 as the site’s maintenance building. It later became the laundry facility in the early 1970s. The 1,456 square feet building was constructed of concrete block, along with a steel frame and concrete slab on grade.