

Department of Energy

West Valley Demonstration Project 10282 Rock Springs Road West Valley, NY 14171-9799

October 25, 2018

Mr. Scott A. Anderson President & General Manager CH2M HILL BWXT West Valley, LLC West Valley Demonstration Project 10282 Rock Springs Rd. West Valley, NY 14171-9799

ATTENTION: D. A. Schuman, Safeguards & Security Manager, WV-PL6

SUBJECT:

Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) for the Use of the Erie County Sheriff's

Office (ECSO) Firearms Range

REFERENCE: Letter (378562), B. C. Bower to J.D. Bradford, "Approval for West Valley

Demonstration Project (WVDP) Protective Force Rifle Acquisition," dated

May 24, 2018

Dear Mr. Anderson:

U.S. Department of Energy West Valley Demonstration Project (DOE-WVDP) and CH2M HILL BWXT West Valley, LLC (CHBWV) agree that the current live fire range facility at the WVDP does not meet required safety specifications for live fire training with assault rifles.

Modification to bring the existing range into compliance would be costly and therefore an alternate solution to utilize an existing range outside of DOE that meets DOE safety and security requirements is the most logical course of action. The following sections detail the requirements for use of non-DOE ranges.

DOE Order 473.3A. Attachment 2.

Section J (2)	Section C (4)(b)	
b. Basic firearms training	1. Suitable facilities to support applicable CPF [Contractor	
must be conducted at a site	Protective Forces] activities must be provided and maintained	
approved by the ODFSA	based on mission-specific needs.	
[Officially Designated		
Federal Security		
Authority].		
	2. Local, State, and Federal law enforcement agencies and	
Department of Defense/National Guard training facilities are		
	acceptable alternatives to DOE-owned facilities, as long as	
	required DOE certifications and safety guidelines are	
	maintained. In coordination with the CPF contractor, a MOU	
	delineating such use must be completed by the ODFSA and	
	approved by DOE line management.	

In anticipation of the rifle acquisition, DOE-WVDP has entered into a MOU with the ECSO for use of their live fire range in Alden, NY. CBHWV will need to modify the existing DOE and West Valley Protective Force (WVPF) live fire "Range Safety Rules" currently in use at the WVDP Firearms Range to incorporate the technical specifications and use of the ECSO Range. Additionally, prior to use of the ECSO Range, WVPF Firearms and Tactical Instructors are required to attend safety and operational training as provided by ECSO Range staff.

The contents of this correspondence are not intended to impact or modify contract scope and/or cost.

Questions regarding this matter can be directed to Anthony Lechanski at Extension 2814.

Sincerely,

Bryan C. Bower

Officially Designated Federal Security Authority

West Valley Demonstration Project

Enclosure: MOU with the ECSO

K. R. Whitham, CHBWV, WV-10PLEX, w/enc.

K. P. Armstrong, DOE-EMCBC, Office of the Director, w/enc.

D. A. Bivans, DOE-HQ, EM-3.114, w/enc.

LMS:379148 - 543.1

cc:

MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN

ERIE COUNTY, ACTING BY AND THROUGH THE ERIE COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE (COUNTY)

AND THE

U.S. DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY WEST VALLEY DEMONSTRATION PROJECT (DOE-WVDP)

A. PURPOSE

This Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) constitutes a professional service and/or shared-use agreement between the COUNTY and the DOE-WVDP wherein COUNTY will make available to the DOE-WVDP and the DOE-WVDP's contractor for protective forces (collectively referred to as DOE-WVDP herein, COUNTY's firearms range (hereinafter "Facility") for firearms and related law enforcement training as described below. As used in this MOU, the term "Parties" describes COUNTY and the _DOE-WVDP. This MOU is not intended, and should not be construed, to create any right or benefit, substantive or procedural, enforceable at law or otherwise by any third party against the parties, their parent agencies, or the officers, employees, agents or other associated personnel thereof.

B. AUTHORITIES

Authority for the COUNTY to enter into this agreement has been granted with the passage of COMM. 17E-27 (2016) at Session 17 of the Erie County Legislature on September 22, 2016. Authority for DOE-WVDP to enter this MOU is the Department of Energy Organization Act, Public Law 95-91.

C. USE OF FACILITIES

COUNTY agrees to allow the _DOE-WVDP use of the Facility which is located at 11250 Genesee Street, Alden, New York to conduct special weapons and tactics (hereinafter "SWAT") training, together with necessary rights of ingress and egress to the Facility.

Requests for use of the Sheriff's range will be submitted via email to the commander of the COUNTY Weapons / Ordnance Unit. _DOE-WVDP use of the Facility shall be approved

only by COUNTY's Commander of Weapons / Ordnance and any unauthorized or unscheduled use of the COUNTY range shall result in the termination of this MOU.

The DOE-WVDP will use reasonable due care in its use of the Facility and shall be responsible to COUNTY for conducting all activities in a safe and prudent manner and so as not to endanger others while on COUNTY property. The DOE-WVDP shall return the Facility to COUNTY after each use in the same condition as before its use, except for reasonable wear and tear, or if it cannot do so, the DOE-WVDP agrees to immediately notify COUNTY and be financially responsible to COUNTY for any necessary repairs. DOE-WVDP agrees that it will financially cover the cost of materials for replacement or repairs for any reckless or unnecessary damage caused by its activities as determined by COUNTY. The requirement for any payments or financial responsibility in this MOU shall be subject to the availability of appropriated funds. No provision herein shall be interpreted to require the obligation of funds in violation of the Anti-Deficiency Act, 31 U.S.C. Section 1341.

No training involving the use of chemical irritants (CN, CS, OC) will be conducted at the COUNTY range.

DOE-WVDP agrees that after any firearms training is conducted by it at COUNTY range, all spent brass will be collected and placed in designated areas for the COUNTY.

It is also the duty of the DOE-WVDP to remove all of its accumulated waste from the training facility and place it in the provided dumpster.

D. <u>RULES AND REGULATIONS</u>

This MOU shall be carried out in compliance with all applicable laws, regulations, and other legal requirements. Any provisions of this MOU found to be inconsistent with current directives or policies shall be considered invalid, but the remaining provisions shall remain in effect.

DOE-WVDP, its agents, employees, and invitees, agree to abide by all rules and regulations for both the firearms range and live fire shoot house (LFSH) which may now or hereafter be promulgated or adopted by COUNTY relative to regulation of activities at the

Facility or on COUNTY property. The DOE-WVDP Principal Firearms Instructor is required to sign a copy of the COUNTY safety rules as acknowledgement of the rules and agreement to abide by them. All DOE-WVDP Firearms/Tactical Instructors must attend mandatory safety and operational training prior to use of the facility.

DOE-WVDP agrees that no activity will be conducted at the Facility or on COUNTY property by the DOE-WVDP, its agents, employees or invitees during the term of this MOU that is in violation of the laws and regulations of the United States, the State of New York, the County of Erie, the Town of Alden, or any agencies or departments thereof, including, but not limited to environmental laws.

Violations of any the agreed upon rules and regulations, or any above stated laws, or any damage (negligent or otherwise) could result in DOE-WVDP being charged to pay for said damages at the discretion of COUNTY and will result in termination of this MOU for DOE-WVDP, resulting in the loss of range usage for DOE-WVDP.

E. SUPERVISION/ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF RISK

DOE-WVDP agrees to promptly consider and adjudicate any and all claims which may arise out of this MOU resulting from the actions of DOE-WVDP, duly authorized representatives, or contractors of DOE-WVDP, and to pay for any damage or injury as may be required by Federal law. Such adjudication will be pursued under the Federal Tort Claims Act, 28 U.S.C. Section 2671 et seq., or such other legal authority as may be pertinent. DOE-WVDP also agrees to consider and adjudicate any claims for property damage or personal injury sustained by Government personnel in the performance of their official duties while on the COUNTY'S property. Such adjudication will be pursuant to the Federal Tort Claims Act, the Federal Employee's Compensation Act, 5 U.S.C. Section 8101 et seq., or such other legal authority as may be pertinent.

All persons being trained by theDOE-WVDP, or at the range at the
request or invitation of theDOE-WVDP, will be at all times under direct
supervision of authorizedDOE-WVDP instructors. DOE-WVDP
assumes financial responsibility for all claims for personal or property damage, including
death, caused by the negligent or wrongful acts ofDOE-WVDP employees
acting in the scope of their employment during the use of the property. COUNTY
disclaims any and all liability for damage to any property owned byDOE-
WVDP, including any vehicles (personally or agency owned) that are
brought to the facility, especially inside the fenced area of the facility, except where caused
by the sole negligence or willful misconduct of the COUNTY.
TheDOE-WVDP is responsible for ensuring that all personnel using
the Facility, while it is assigned to or otherwise being used by theDOE-
WVDP understand and agree that use of the Facility is an inherently dangerous
activity and that in consideration for being allowed to use the Facility, each individual
assumes the risk of any injuries that may occur while using the Facility. Further, the DOE-
WVDP is responsible for ensuring that said individuals release COUNTY from any
liability for injuries occurring on COUNTY property to the extent allowable by law.
COUNTY expressly disclaims any and all liability for damage or injury to DOE-WVDP,

COUNTY expressly disclaims any and all liability for damage or injury to DOE-WVDP, its agents, employees and invitees related to this MOU. COUNTY shall not be liable for theft, vandalism or pilferage of the Facility or any items contained therein except where caused by the sole negligence or willful misconduct of the COUNTY.

TERM,

AMENDMENT AND TERMINATION

This MOU becomes effective when approved by the Parties identified below and will remain in effect for one (1) year thereafter, with the MOU being reviewed and amended as needed by the Parties.

Either party may terminate this MOU upon thirty (30) days written notification to the other party. Such notice will be the subject of immediate consultation to the parties to decide upon the appropriate course of action.

G. GOVERNING LAW

Disagreements between the parties arising under or relating to this MOU will be resolved by consultation between the parties and will not be referred to a local, state, or federal court unless necessary to enforce provisions under Section E herein. COUNTY Weapons / Ordnance personnel or their designees have final say on all matters pertaining to safety, usage and administration at the COUNTY range. This supersedes any and all rank or administrative titles carried by members of guest agencies.

H. FORCE MAJEURE

Neither COUNTY or the DOE-WVDP shall be deemed in default hereunder if either Party is prevented from performing any of the obligations by reason of strikes, labor disputes, acts of God, acts of the public enemy, acts of the government, or sabotage or any other circumstances for which it is not responsible or which are not within its control.

I. FUNDING

At this time there is no method or plan to collect funds from guest agencies for use of the COUNTY range. However, should the need arise in the future in order to maintain the facility at a high standard, parties will agree that any fees will be known and agreed to at the time of training scheduling. Any fees paid by any agency constitute that agency's willingness to have access to a well maintained training venue and at no point will any fees paid constitute any ownership, control or unquestioned right to future use of the COUNTY facility.

J. ENTIRE AGREEMENT

This MOU constitutes the entire agreement between the Parties. This MOU supersedes any and all other agreements concerning COUNTY's firearms range (past, present or promised) verbal, written or otherwise.

FOR THE ERIE COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

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	Date 10/18/18
Timothy B. Howard	
Erie County Sheriff	
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Bryan C. Bower	Date 09-26-2018
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