

A new era for WCS opens in Andrews

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The Texas Low-Level Radioactive Waste Disposal Compact Facility in Andrews will celebrate its grand opening today with a 2:30 p.m. ribbon cutting at the site in western Andrews County. A community celebration and barbecue dinner will follow at 5 p.m. in Andrews.

Of course, this facility has been somewhat controversial because the site is designed to store low level nuclear waste. There was a loud minority across the area and others across the state who are not happy with the city of Andrews for taking on this project and bringing it to West Texas.

It's easy to see why everyone may not be as giddy over the opening of the storage site as the residents in Andrews who voted for it. However, we respect the right for Andrews to make this decision for the good of their own community.

The hard part to swallow remains that communities in the surrounding area, including Midland and Odessa, simply have to cross their fingers and hope everything that has been said about the safety issues of the facility holds true.

We do hold Waste Control Specialists, the group in charge of handling the nuclear material, to a higher standard. And we certainly hope the endeavor goes well for WCS and Andrews while at the same time we urge state and federal watchdogs to keep a close eye on the operation.

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