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### **TCEQ Issues Byproducts License**

ANDREWS, TEXAS . . . May 21, 2008 . . . Waste Control Specialists LLC (WCS) today said it is pleased with the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality's (TCEQ's) decision to issue a license to dispose of radioactive byproduct material at its facility in Andrews County.

"We believe our license application provides an extremely necessary public service – the safe and permanent disposal of material that plays a prominent role in our modern society," said WCS President Rodney Baltzer.

"Our license application has gone through a thorough and exhaustive review by TCEQ staff since 2004. Our site in Andrews County is one of the – if not the – most characterized, analyzed, modeled and monitored sites in the country. In addition to having a great site for disposing of this byproduct material, we have tremendous community support, as demonstrated by more than 30 individuals from the Permian Basin attending the hearing," Baltzer said.

The WCS facility in Andrews County, Texas is currently licensed for the processing, storage and disposal of a broad range of hazardous, toxic and certain types of low-level and mixed low-level radioactive waste.

The byproducts license will allow WCS to permanently dispose of byproduct material, primarily the residues left over from uranium mining, including uranium or thorium mill tailings as well as equipment, pipe and other material used to handle and process mill tailings.

More information about WCS and its licenses may be found at [www.wctexas.com](http://www.wctexas.com) under Documents & Forms.

WCS is a subsidiary of Valhi, Inc. (NYSE: VHI). Valhi is engaged in the titanium dioxide pigments, component products (security products, furniture components and performance marine components) and waste management industries.

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