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WCS, Andrews County to Provide Texas Solution for Disposal of Low-Level Radioactive Waste

DALLAS, TEXAS ... September 10, 2009 ... Waste Control Specialists LLC (“WCS”) today announced it is ready to move forward in Andrews County with the disposal of low-level radioactive waste (“LLRW”) as part of its plan to provide a Texas-based solution to a national issue.

“WCS was notified today that the executive director of the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (“TCEQ”) has signed the final license that authorizes the near-surface disposal of Class A, B and C low-level radioactive waste (“LLRW”) after WCS had completed all of the necessary administrative requirements,” said WCS President Rodney Baltzer.

“The signing of this license is historic because it allows WCS to operate a commercial LLRW disposal facility, under the direction of TCEQ and the Texas Low-Level Radioactive Waste Disposal Compact Commission (the “*Texas Compact Commission*”), and a federal LLRW disposal facility. Our Andrews County facility is the first facility licensed for the disposal of this material since Congress adopted The Low-Level Waste Policy Act in 1980 which authorized states to form Compacts for the safe, secure disposal of LLRW. Texas and Vermont comprise the Texas Compact (the “*Compact*”),” he said.

Baltzer said construction of the new disposal facility will take about a year with disposal operations scheduled to begin in late 2010.

“WCS is proud to be part of a team that is providing a Texas solution for the disposal of waste generated by activities that are essential to our society and improve our quality of life.

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These waste producers include power generators, hospitals, universities, research institutes, industrial plants and the Department of Energy,” Baltzer said. WCS is partnered with our host communities in the Permian Basin, including Andrews and Eunice, New Mexico, and is looking forward to working with TCEQ and the Texas Compact Commission which will have substantial oversight of our disposal operations.”

The Texas Compact Commission was appointed by the Governors of Texas and Vermont and the policy-making board is now adopting rules governing the disposal of commercial LLRW, including the export from and import into the Compact of such waste.

The WCS facility in Andrews County, Texas is currently licensed for the processing, storage and disposal of a broad range of hazardous and toxic waste, byproduct material and low-level and mixed LLRW. WCS is a subsidiary of Valhi, Inc. (NYSE: VHI). Valhi is engaged in the titanium dioxide products, component products (security products, furniture components and performance marine components) and waste management industries.

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