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## ***WCS discusses Japan Atomic Energy Agency***

William J. Lindquist, CEO of Waste Control Specialists LLC, a subsidiary of Valhi Inc., announced today that the Japanese Atomic Energy Agency has requested information from WCS that can be made public in Japan regarding the siting and construction of its state-of-the art, low-level radioactive waste disposal facilities in Andrews County, Texas.

Representatives of the JAEA toured WCS and other U.S. and Canadian facilities and agencies earlier this year as part of its fact-finding mission to establish an international standard for the disposal of radioactive waste.

“We knew 18 years ago when we began this project that the state of Texas was interested in creating a new paradigm for low-level radioactive waste disposal,” said Lindquist. “Old technology such as shallow trenches and above ground disposal, even with 600 feet of impermeable clay below the waste, would not be acceptable. It is gratifying that JAEA and other non-U.S. organizations who have toured our facilities are taking our accomplishments to their home countries.”

“We fully support JAEA in its goal to establish an international standard for the disposal of radioactive waste based on the newest and best technology and geology available in the world today,” said Lindquist.