

MEDIA ADVISORY

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Federal Waste Disposal Facility to Celebrate Grand Opening

ANDREWS, Texas – The U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) and Waste Control Specialists (WCS) will officially open the WCS Federal Low-Level Radioactive Waste Disposal Facility on June 6, 2013 with a ceremony and ribbon cutting. The Federal Waste Disposal Facility is a unique, state-of-the-art operation and is the only facility in the United States engineered and constructed specifically for the disposal of Class B and C, as well as Class A, low-level radioactive waste.

On hand for the event will be officials with the Department of Energy and the Los Alamos National Laboratory, as well as representatives of the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality, and the New Mexico Environment Department, along with community leaders from Andrews Texas and Lea County New Mexico.

Grand Opening Celebration

WHO:

- Dave Huizenga, Senior Advisor, Office of Environmental Management
- Frank Marcinowski, Deputy Assistant Secretary for Waste Management, Office of Environmental Management
- Jeff Mousseau , Associate Director for Environmental Programs, Los Alamos National Laboratory
- Bill Lindquist, CEO, Waste Control Specialists
- Kent Hance, Chancellor, Texas Tech University
- Russell Shannon, President, National Bank of Andrews
- WHAT:Ribbon cutting for the Federal Low-Level Radioactive Waste Disposal Facility
At the WCS facilities in Andrews County, Texas
- WHEN: 10:30 A.M, Thursday, June 6, 2013
- WHERE: Waste Control Specialists 9998 West State Highway 176 Andrews, Texas 79714

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Directions: From Andrews take State Highway 176 approximately 30 miles heading west towards the Texas/New Mexico border. The facility will be on your right side (North side). If you cross into New Mexico you have gone too far.

<u>Plan to arrive at the main entrance at 9 A.M to check in</u>. Please read and fill out the attached visitor orientation training paperwork and bring it with a photo ID. (Please Note: The disposal facility site is an active industrial site and it can be dusty. Please dress appropriately, i.e. sturdy shoes or boots, long pants, etc.)