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## WCS Marks Five Years Without a Preventable Lost-Time Accident

Employees to be Honored with Safety Supper

ANDREWS, TEXAS . . . June 13, 2012 . . . Waste Control Specialists LLC ("WCS"), a subsidiary of Valhi, Inc. (NYSE: VHI), today announced it has achieved five years of work without a preventable lost-time accident at its Andrews County site and will celebrate that milestone with a "Safety Supper" for employees and their guests.

"The credit for reaching this outstanding achievement of five years without a preventable lost-time accidents goes to our excellent supervisors and employees who are committed to focusing on safety every day as part of their job," said Rodney Baltzer, President of WCS, who noted the safety record was set even as WCS' workforce has increased to about 200 people.

"As the number of WCS employees has grown to handle our expanded capabilities, we also have built a strong safety culture that is reflected by this safety milestone," Mr. Baltzer said, adding the accomplishment is even more impressive because the employees kept their safety focus while operating and working around heavy equipment, managing hazardous and radioactive materials and often working in a construction area.

In congratulating her employees, WCS Vice President and General Manager Linda Beach also looked to the future.

"I am incredibly proud of this achievement. We met this goal through each employee focusing on personal safety and the safety of coworkers each hour of each day," she said. "We have now started on our sixth year without a preventable lost-time accident. We must continue to work as a team so we never lose our focus on safety and efficient operations."

More information about WCS may be found at <u>www.texassolution.com</u>.

## About the WCS Facility

The WCS facility in western Andrews County is the only commercial facility in the United States licensed to dispose of Class A, B and C low-level radioactive waste. It is also licensed for the treatment and storage of low-level radioactive waste and has safely and has successfully served as a temporary storage facility for past U.S. Department of Energy projects.

Situated in a semi-arid and isolated location, the WCS facility sits atop a formation of 500 feet of impermeable red-bed clay which makes it an ideal setting for the storage and disposal of low-level radioactive waste. The state of Texas has determined the WCS facility does not sit above or adjacent to any underground drinking water formations.

The WCS facility is the site of the disposal facility for the Texas Low-Level Radioactive Waste Disposal Compact, and was the site of the successful storage and disposal of byproduct material from the DOE Fernald, Ohio, cleanup site.

WCS has been processing and storing low-level radioactive waste at its facility since 1998.

WCS is a subsidiary of Valhi, which 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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