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ANDREWS, TEXAS . . . June 6, 2013 . . . After the completion of a ten year public licensing process, Waste Control Specialists (WCS) cut the ribbon on the most robust low-level radioactive waste facility in the nation today. WCS President, Rodney Baltzer, offered the following remarks on the completion of the Texas Federal Waste Facility on its inaugural day of federal waste disposal:

“Welcome to the Waste Control Specialists Federal Facility! We are delighted you could join us today to celebrate the grand opening of the Federal Facility. They say everything is bigger in Texas and we are proud to have a very large, incredibly robust landfill to permanently dispose of low-level radioactive waste from the Department of Energy Complex.

This is a unique facility and we have a unique opportunity to have the grand opening at the bottom of the federal facility landfill. After the ceremony, we will go back to the surface for lunch and then watch as the first shipment of low-level radioactive waste is disposed in the modular concrete canisters behind me.

This area is known for its lack of rainfall and semi-arid conditions that are well matched for permanent, safe waste disposal. WCS’ facilities are recognized as having the most robust design and most suitable geology of any low-level radioactive waste disposal facility in the United States. This benefits our customers by providing the lowest risk waste management and disposal solutions in the United States.

WCS is proud to support DOE Environmental Management in cleaning up environmental and public safety problems. Our unique low-level radioactive waste disposal capabilities provide a long needed solution that is extremely important to the DOE Complex.

Our facility is the only commercial facility in the United States licensed to dispose of Class A, B and C low-level radioactive waste and mixed low-level radioactive waste for the DOE. We are also licensed for the treatment and storage of mixed low-level radioactive waste and have safely and successfully served as a temporary storage facility for past U.S. Department of Energy projects, including the successful storage and disposal of byproduct material from the DOE Fernald, Ohio, cleanup site.

WCS also enjoys widespread support from the people of Andrews County, Texas; Lea County, New Mexico and the entire Permian Basin. We have an impressive list of speakers today to discuss the opening of the federal facility and what it means to DOE our local community and various stakeholders. “

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