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WCS Provides Information to the Japan Atomic Energy Agency

DALLAS, Texas (October 29, 2013) – William J. Lindquist, CEO of Waste Control Specialists LLC (“WCS”), a subsidiary of Valhi, Inc. (NYSE: VHI), announced today that the Japanese Atomic Energy Agency (“JAEA”) 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 Mr. 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 Mr. Lindquist.

Photos of construction and operation of the WCS facilities in Andrews, TX can be found on the newly redesigned WCS website at www.wcstexas.com/media/photos. The website also contains detailed information on the capacity and capabilities of WCS facilities and services available to waste generators in the U.S.

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About the WCS Facility

The WCS facility in western Andrews County is the only commercial facility in the U.S. licensed to dispose of Class A, B and C LLRW and Mixed-Low-Level Radioactive Waste and is the site for the Texas Low Level Radioactive Waste Disposal Compact facility for commercial LLRW and the Federal Waste Facility for waste from the U.S. Department of Energy (“DOE”). WCS has contracts in place with most of the nuclear power plants in the U.S. and a nationwide contract with the DOE that can be used by DOE or its contractors.

The state of Texas takes title to any waste disposed in the Compact Waste Facility and DOE takes title to any waste disposed in the Federal Waste Facility following closure of the facility.

Situated in an arid and isolated location, the WCS facility sits atop a formation of 600 feet of impermeable red-bed clay which makes it an ideal setting for the storage and disposal of LLRW. The state of Texas has determined the WCS facility does not sit above or adjacent to any underground drinking water formations.

The WCS facility 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 LLRW at its facility since 1998.

Valhi is engaged in the titanium dioxide, component products (security products, furniture components and performance marine components) and waste management industries.

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