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### **WCS Announces New Vice President**

(Sept 6, 2016) – Waste Control Specialists (WCS) announced today that Michael Ford, CHP has accepted the position of Vice President of Licensing and Corporate Compliance.

“We are excited to have Mike join our leadership team. WCS is very familiar with Mike dating back to his terms as Chairman of both the Texas Compact Commission and the Texas Radiation Advisory Board, and most recently, as a consultant to WCS on radiation safety projects,” said Rod Baltzer, WCS President & CEO.

Ford will take the lead on WCS’s ongoing application process with the Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) to license, construct and operate a Consolidated Interim Storage Facility (CISF) for used nuclear fuel.

“Mike has an expert level of knowledge in environmental and occupational nuclear safety in addition to many other areas in the industry. That, coupled with his experience with both government and private sector entities is a valuable asset to his role in our proposed CISF license application,” said Baltzer.

Ford is a Certified Health Physicist; he received a B.S. in Radiological Health Engineering and an M.S. in Health Physics from Texas A&M University, with 31 years of experience in safety and health activities associated with government and private sector operations.

Beyond his initial career emphasis in radiation protection and safety management programs, Ford’s experience extends to regulatory compliance, public policy work within legislative processes at both the federal and state level, and participation in public outreach.

He has served as an appointed public official managing and advising the Texas Radiation Advisory Board and the Texas Low-Level Radioactive Waste Compact Commission. In both roles, his responsibilities included interaction with state and federal elected officials, executives in the nuclear industry and concerned members of the public.

Ford replaces outgoing Vice President of Licensing and Corporate Compliance Scott Kirk.

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WCS is the only privately-owned and operated facility in the United States that has been licensed to treat, store and dispose of Class A, B and C low-level radioactive waste (LLRW).

WCS is a subsidiary of Valhi, Inc. (NYSE: VHI). Valhi, Inc. is engaged in the titanium dioxide pigments, component products (security products and high performance marine components), waste management, and real estate management and development industries.

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