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The Department of Energy's (DOE) Environmental Management Los Alamos Field Office and Waste Control Specialists (WCS) have agreed to two Task Orders related to the ongoing storage of transuranic (TRU) waste at the WCS facility in Andrews County, Texas.

The two related Task Orders replace the previous subcontract between WCS and DOE's contractor Nuclear Waste Partnership, LLC, the operator for the Waste Isolation Pilot Plant site. The first is for the storage of up to two hundred and thirty (230) shipping containers of DOE contact handled TRU waste, from Los Alamos National Laboratory, and mobile loading support upon removal. The contract period is through September 2019 with options to extend it to January 2021. The second covers ancillary activities regarding the stored TRU waste, including WCS' support of the DOE and their contractor in the development of the feasibility study of differing methods for the transport and ultimate disposal of the waste. The contract period is through September 2019.

Rod Baltzer, President & CEO of WCS, said "These contracts provide for the continued safe storage of TRU waste as well as our support to DOE to assist in the determination of permanent solutions for the TRU waste. WCS is pleased to have this contract directly with DOE's Environmental Management Los Alamos Field Office, as they have taken the lead for the TRU waste at WCS. WCS continues to work with Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) and DOE in developing plans to remove all the waste in a safe and compliant manner."