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Media Tour New Operations at WCS Facility in Andrews County

ANDREWS, Texas ... October 27, 2009 ... Waste Control Specialists (“WCS”) today gave the Permian Basin media and local officials a first-hand look at new disposal operations taking place at the company’s Andrews County facility.

“2009 has been a historic year for Andrews County and WCS as we began providing a Texas solution to notable, national environmental issues. Most significantly, we received a new license to dispose of low-level radioactive waste, giving WCS a unique capability that is unmatched by any other company in the United States,” WCS President Rod Baltzer said.

The media tour highlighted these WCS projects that began during 2009:

- **The Fernald Project** - Disposal of 3,776, 20,000-pound canisters containing byproduct material that is the waste from the production of uranium used by the United States as part of the Manhattan Project during World War II. This cleanup allowed the Fernald site near Cincinnati to be transformed into a wetlands recreational area.
- **The GE Project** – The first phase features disposal of 250,000 cubic yards of sediment dredged from the upper Hudson River in New York state as part of a federal Superfund project to clean the river of PCBs. As New York’s premier river, the Hudson is an important source of drinking water. Additional phases will be conducted as necessary.
- **Low-Level Radioactive Waste (LLRW) Project** - With the final license now secured, WCS will begin construction of the LLRW disposal site. Low-level waste is now temporarily stored at thousands of sites throughout Texas and our nation, much of it in heavily populated urban areas. This waste is produced by hospitals, universities, power generators, research institutions and industrial plants.

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“The level of activity has increased tremendously at WCS this year and by hosting area media representatives we hope we can facilitate public awareness of all of our activities,” Baltzer said. “As our operations continue to escalate in the near future, the opportunities for this type of access to the facility will be limited.”

Baltzer said the company plans to begin construction of the low-level radioactive waste facility in January 2010.

“WCS, Andrews and Eunice, New Mexico, have worked together from the very beginning of this endeavor,” Baltzer said. “We will continue to make sure our local citizens are well informed about all activities taking place at this site. Our location and geology make this site a unique national asset, and we plan to use this resource wisely.”

The WCS facility in Andrews County, Texas, is currently licensed for the processing, storage and disposal of a broad range of hazardous, toxic, low-level and mixed low-level radioactive waste. WCS is a subsidiary of Valhi, Inc. (NYSE: VHI). Valhi is engaged in the titanium dioxide pigments, component products (security products, furniture components and performance marine components) and waste management industries.

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