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Low-Level Radioactive Waste Disposal to Begin Later This Year

Safe Environmental Solution, New Revenue for State on the Way

AUSTIN, Texas (February 8, 2011) - Waste Control Specialists LLC (WCS) President Rod Baltzer today announced that construction of low-level radioactive waste disposal sites are well under way, and on schedule, and their operation will provide a new source of revenue for state government.

“I am pleased to report we are making excellent progress on this historic environmental and economic development project at our west Texas facility in Andrews County. Significant excavation started in January and we expect disposal operations to begin at the Texas Compact Commission site later this year followed by the federal facility opening in early 2012,” Mr. Baltzer said.

He said this project is significant for two reasons.

“First, these landfills will permanently solve a problem that has plagued Texas for more than 20 years, and that is how do we safely dispose of this material that is now temporarily stored at more than 1,500 locations throughout Texas? A large portion of low-level radioactive waste is now sitting around at our hospitals, universities and research centers in major urban areas,” Mr. Baltzer said.

“Secondly, these disposal facilities will generate new money for our state – without raising taxes - at a time when legislative budget writers face severe financial challenges. The state of Texas will receive 5 percent of the gross revenue from our low-level waste disposal as will the home county of Andrews,” Mr. Baltzer, who made the comments at a forum here sponsored by the League of Women Voters of Texas..

WCS is licensed by the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) to dispose of Class A, B and C low-level radioactive waste.

About the WCS Facility

The WCS facility in western Andrews County is the only commercial facility in the United States licensed to dispose of Class A, B and C low-level radioactive waste. It is also licensed for the treatment

and storage of low-level radioactive waste – and has safely and successfully served as a temporary storage facility for past U.S. Department of Energy projects.

Situated in an arid and isolated location, the WCS facility sits atop a formation of 500 feet of impermeable red-bed clay which makes it an ideal setting for the storage and disposal of low-level radioactive waste. The state of Texas has determined the WCS facility does not sit above or adjacent to any underground drinking water formations.

The WCS facility is the site of the disposal facility for the Texas Low Level Radioactive Waste Disposal Compact, and mostly recently 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 low-level radioactive waste at its facility since 1997.

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