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WCS Announces Expected Receipt of First Low-Level Radioactive Waste Container from Studsvik, Inc.

ANDREWS, Texas (June 2, 2009) -- Waste Control Specialists LLC (WCS) today announced that on Monday, June 8, its Andrews County facility will begin storing low-level radioactive waste received from Studsvik, Inc., a Tennessee-based waste processor. The interim storage at WCS' facility in Andrews County of this thermally processed Class B and Class C low-level radioactive waste will greatly reduce the risk and administrative burden of generators when compared to the use of multiple storage facilities across the United States.

"Studsvik provides a valuable national service because its process transforms the low-level radioactive waste into a safer form for storage and ultimate disposal. At the same time, Studsvik's processing reduces the volume of low-level radioactive waste by more than 80 percent, which allows for the efficient use of valuable landfill space," said WCS President Rod Baltzer. "WCS is proud to participate in this innovative program to increase the safety and to reduce the volume of low-level radioactive waste."

WCS has been processing and storing low-level radioactive waste at its Andrews County facility since 1997. WCS will store the waste received from Studsvik pursuant to WCS' low-level radioactive waste storage license that WCS received from the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ).

While the interim storage of the Studsvik material is authorized under WCS' storage license, the Texas Low-Level Radioactive Waste Compact Commission (Compact Commission) must approve any permanent disposal of the material at the Compact waste disposal facility in Andrews.

"We have already notified members of the Compact Commission that we will begin interim storage of this waste on June 8, 2009," Baltzer said, adding the company has also

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notified the Compact Commission that once all conditions of its low-level disposal license are met, WCS will seek its authorization to permanently dispose of the waste in the Compact disposal site.

Today, WCS notified the TCEQ that the Studsvik waste storage would begin on Monday, June 8.

“From processing and storage, to disposal of both hazardous waste and low-level radioactive waste, the TCEQ has an important role to play at the WCS facility,” Baltzer said. “We will continue to keep the TCEQ informed of the status of the Studsvik waste.

“We believe the ability to store low-level radioactive waste at a central storage facility and then dispose of it near that facility is in the best interests of all parties. Studsvik’s processing, and our storage, reduces the burden on generators of the waste that do not have storage facilities and will allow the waste to be processed into a safer and more compact form for storage. Our licenses and location will also minimize transportation of the Studsvik waste as it will be shipped from generators to Studsvik and then to one location for storage and possible eventual disposal instead of back across the nation to the generators. This is one of the key benefits of WCS’ one-stop business model - having a storage and processing license, *and* a low-level radioactive waste disposal license creates a clear business advantage that benefits our customers and provides additional safety for the citizens of the state of Texas,” Baltzer said.

The WCS facility in Andrews County, Texas is currently licensed for the processing, storage and disposal of a broad range of hazardous, toxic and certain types of 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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