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WCS Completes First Large-Component Disposal at Compact Facility

ANDREWS, Texas (July 31, 2014) -- Waste Control Specialists LLC (WCS) successfully completed the first large-component disposal of low-level radioactive waste materials at the Texas Compact Waste Facility (CWF), in Andrews County, Texas, when four 200-ton steam generators were buried in the CWF earlier this month.

The steam generators were transported using a multi-modal (truck-marine-rail) transportation system, also a first for the CWF. This also marks the first Class 7 Radioactive Rail shipment to the site, another breakthrough in the safe and efficient disposal of low-level radioactive waste for WCS and the CWF.

WCS president Rod Baltzer said the entire disposal process was executed flawlessly.

“This large-component disposal really demonstrates the long-term benefits the Texas Compact Facility offers to the nuclear power industry,” said Baltzer; “We want to thank WMG, Barnhart Crane and Rigging, Canal Barge and *ICE Service Group* for making this historic disposal go so smoothly. I’m extremely proud of our team at WCS as they have, once again, proven themselves to be among the best in the industry.”

The steam generators were placed in the 100-foot below-ground CWF repository where they will be entombed in concrete.

The 200-hundred ton generators, all Class A low-level radioactive waste, arrived ahead of schedule and were placed in the CWF without incident, demonstrating the capabilities of the WCS Compact Waste Facility for safe and secure disposal.

The shipment of such heavy equipment, over a great distance, utilizing multiple means of transport sets a new standard in the industry.

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About the WCS Facility

The WCS facility in western Andrews County is the only commercial facility in the U.S. licensed to dispose of Class A, B and C LLRW and Mixed-Low-Level Radioactive Waste and is the site for the Texas Low Level Radioactive Waste Disposal Compact facility for commercial LLRW and the Federal Waste Facility for waste from the U.S. Department of Energy (“DOE”). WCS has contracts in place with most of the nuclear power plants in the U.S. and a nationwide contract with the DOE that can be used by DOE or its contractors.

The state of Texas takes title to any waste disposed in the Compact Waste Facility and DOE takes title to any waste disposed in the Federal Waste Facility following closure of the facility.

Situated in an arid and isolated location, the WCS facility sits atop a formation of 600 feet of impermeable red-bed clay which makes it an ideal setting for the storage and disposal of LLRW. The state of Texas has determined the WCS facility does not sit above or adjacent to any underground drinking water formations.

The WCS facility 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 LLRW at its facility since 1998.

Valhi is engaged in the titanium dioxide, component products (security products, furniture components and performance marine components) and waste management industries.

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