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U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission  
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Washington, D.C., 20852

February 6, 2015

ATTN: Ms. Catherine Haney, Director  
Office of Nuclear Material Safety and Safeguards

### *LETTER OF INTENT*

Dear Ms. Haney:

Waste Control Specialists LLC (WCS) is providing this notice to the Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) of its intent to file an application for a license for the independent storage of spent nuclear fuel and reactor-related greater than Class C wastes in accordance with 10 CFR Part 72.

WCS expects to file the application for a specific license during the first half of NRC's Fiscal Year 2016.

WCS is proceeding to prepare, submit and pursue this application after carefully considering the level of support from our local community, as well as Texas state and Congressional officials.

Just as WCS proceeded with the licensing, construction and operation of its state-of-the-art low-level waste (LLW) disposal facility in Andrews County, Texas only after extensive interactions with the local community, WCS has again engaged with the community to discuss this proposal. In response, the community has formally expressed its support for an interim consolidated spent fuel storage facility, located in Andrews County and operated by WCS, through a resolution passed unanimously by the Andrews County Commissioners' Court on January 20, 2015. A copy of that resolution is enclosed.

Additionally, WCS has taken into account the expressions of Texas officials, most recently the Texas Radiation Advisory Board, stating that Texas can and should be considered for an interim storage facility.

WCS also notes that its plans are consistent with the recommendations of the Blue Ribbon Commission, the Administration's current strategy on used fuel management, and with growing sentiment in the House and Senate that such a facility will be necessary regardless of the status of the program for permanent disposal of used fuel.

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By way of background, WCS controls approximately 14,000 acres at the site where its LLW facilities are located, approximately 30 miles west of Andrews, Texas. In accordance with NRC regulations and applicable law, WCS will evaluate several hundred acres at the site as the potential site for a specific license Part 72 facility. WCS envisions a facility that NRC will license and WCS will construct and then operate for an initial period of 40 years with the capability for renewals, dependent upon the progress on a national disposal facility.

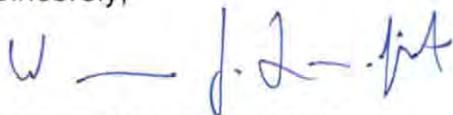
WCS's site in Andrews County has been extensively analyzed and characterized, and WCS operates its state-of-the-art LLW disposal facility under licenses from and regulations by the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality.

WCS is working with AREVA, a world leader in the storage and transportation of used nuclear fuel, to, among other things, assist in the development of a high-quality license application and accompanying environmental report. AREVA brings extensive experience and technical expertise to the licensing effort.

WCS looks forward to engaging with the NRC staff in a series of pre-application discussions, during which we can ensure a common understanding of what the Commission requires to facilitate its review of WCS's application and better ensure the mutual commitment of resources associated with the review of the license application for the facility.

Please contact Rod Baltzer (972-450-4235), President of WCS, or me (972-450-9800) with any questions you may have. WCS will contact the NRC Staff to discuss plans and scheduling of pre-application meetings.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'W. J. Lindquist', with a stylized flourish at the end.

William J. Lindquist, CEO

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