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VIA EMAIL AND FEDEX

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- References: (1) Letter from J. Scott Kirk (WCS) to Catherine Haney (NRC), re: Exemption Request to Possess Special Nuclear Materials in Excess of Critical Mass Limits Specified in 10 CFR 150.11, dated March 28, 2014 (ADAMS ML14093B155)
- (2) Letter from Scott W. Moore (NRC) to J. Scott Kirk (WCS), re: Future Special Nuclear Material-related Activities at WCS, dated July 7, 2016 (ADAMS ML15093A222)
- (3) NRC Docket No. 70-7005

**Subject: Withdrawal of Exemption Request to Possess Special Nuclear Materials in Excess of Critical Mass Limits Specified in 10 CFR 150.11 to support Time Sensitive DOE Shipments of Transuranic Waste from Los Alamos National Laboratory to WIPP**

Dear Mr. Tappert:

On March 28, 2014 Waste Control Specialists LLC (WCS) submitted an exemption request in accordance with Title 10 of the Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) Part 70.17 to support a time sensitive request from the Department of Energy (DOE) for WCS to receive and store shipments of higher concentrations of transuranic waste from Los Alamos National Laboratory prior to the waste packages being shipped for disposal at the Waste Isolation Pilot Plant (WIPP). In 2014, the NRC received three requests from WCS to amend the NRC's 2009 Order (that superseded the previous 2004 order) to modify

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WCS's exemption from the requirements of 10 CFR Part 70. The March 28, 2014 request, as noted in NRC correspondence Referenced 2, is considered "2014a."

At this time WCS respectfully withdraws the 2014a request, dated March 28, 2014, to amend the 2009 Order, effective immediately.

If you have any additional questions or need additional information, please contact me by email ([rbaltzer@valhi.net](mailto:rbaltzer@valhi.net)) or by phone at 972-450-4235.

Sincerely,



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