

PRESS RELEASE

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Bionomics Makes First Shipment to Texas Low Level Waste Site

We at Bionomics are extremely proud to be the first company to have established contracts and certifications that allowed us to be the very first to make a shipment of low level radioactive waste to the recently opened WCS Texas Compact Facility. The first shipment consisting of Vermont waste was received on Friday morning and with TCEQ leadership and resident inspectors overseeing the entire operation, the shipment was accepted for disposal.

The following is from the WCS Press Release regarding this historic first shipment.

ANDREWS, Texas (April 27, 2012) – William J. Lindquist, CEO of Waste Control Specialists LLC (“WCS”), a subsidiary of Valhi, Inc. (NYSE: VHI), announced today that the first shipment of low-level radioactive waste, received from Bionomics Inc., has been safely disposed of in the Texas Compact Facility.

“I am pleased to announce that medical researchers and universities that use radioactive materials everyday to save lives, and nuclear power plants that produce much of our country’s energy needs, are now using a facility specifically designed, engineered and constructed to permanently dispose of the low-level radioactive waste (“LLRW”) that is currently in temporary storage, much of it in urban centers,” Mr. Lindquist said.

The Texas Compact Facility is owned and licensed by the state of Texas, operated by WCS and hosted and supported by Andrews County, Texas.

“We’re happy that the first LLRW disposal contract we signed almost a year ago with Bionomics has resulted in the first disposal of LLRW at the Texas Compact Facility,” said Mr. Lindquist.

While this first step is important, Bionomics is continuing to work with WCS, the Texas regulatory bodies TCEQ and DSHS and the Texas Compact Commission to ensure that small generators from outside of Texas and Vermont have access to the burial site. Many of our clients have sealed sources and other Class B and C wastes for which Texas is the only legitimate disposal option. The Importation process is ongoing and space will be limited.

Please feel free to contact John McCormick at 865-220-8501 with any questions.