

PUBLIC NOTICE

**UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY
REGION 6 DALLAS
PROPOSAL TO APPROVE
WASTE CONTROL SPECIALISTS (WCS) INC., ANDREWS, TX
FOR
COMMERCIAL STORAGE AND LAND DISPOSAL
OF
POLYCHLORINATED BIPHENYLS (PCBS)**

The United States Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), Region 6, Dallas, Texas office proposes to grant re-authorization approval to Waste Control Specialists (WCS), located at Andrews, Texas for the commercial storage and land disposal of non-liquid polychlorinated biphenyls (PCBs). The EPA has authority to issue approvals for commercial storage and land disposal of PCBs under Section 6(e) of the Toxic Substances Control Act (TSCA) in accordance with regulations promulgated pursuant to 40 CFR § 761.65 and § 761.75. After reviewing all of the information submitted by WCS, EPA finds that the regulatory requirements for the operation of a commercial PCB storage and PCB land disposal facility have been met.

PCBs are a group of chemical compounds previously used extensively in the electrical industry that are generally resistant to biodegradation once they enter the environment. At high concentrations, PCBs have been shown to cause liver and kidney damage in humans, usually through direct exposure or ingestion through contaminated seafood. PCBs are suspected carcinogens (Class B). PCBs are normally found in electrical transformers, capacitors, and contaminated soil resulting from spills.

This notice opens a 45-day comment period during which requests may be made for a Public Hearing. If significant or substantial comments are received during the 45-day comment period, and EPA determines that a Public Hearing should be convened, a 30-day advance notice of the date, time, and place of the Hearing will be published. A Hearing would be held in the evening at a public place in the local area. To make a comment or to obtain a copy of the proposed approval, please contact Mr. James Sales, EPA, Region 6, RCRA Permits Section by emailing sales.james@epa.gov, or calling (214) 665-6796.