

# Statement

Port Arthur, Tex., Oct. 13, 2014

## Veolia supported destruction of decontaminated waste associated with Dallas Ebola response

**On Friday, October 10, 2014, the Veolia North America facility at Port Arthur safely completed the destruction of decontaminated waste from the clean-up operations of an Ebola patient's apartment in Dallas.**

All of the materials transported to Veolia's facility had been decontaminated and containerized with multiple layers of packaging to protect our employees and others who may have come into contact with the containers. The decontaminated packaged materials were placed into 55-gallon poly drums, which were also treated with CDC-recommended disinfectant. Those drums were then put into sealed 95-gallon poly overpack drums as an additional level of safety for our employees.

No drum was opened at the Port Arthur facility. Using very stringent waste-handling methods, they were directly fed into the incinerator and all drums have now been safely destroyed. Veolia employees used Universal Precautions recommended by the CDC and OSHA for handling all waste materials.

Incineration is one of the most highly regulated methods of disposal in the world, from air permitting to waste management to homeland security. Veolia's process destroys and removes 99.99999 percent of harmful materials, well exceeding EPA requirements. With incineration temperatures ranging from 1,500°F to 2,100°F, viruses and pathogens are completely destroyed by this process.

Viruses are completely destroyed at a temperature of 140°F. The resultant ash – the inorganic solids that result from the incineration process – does not contain the Ebola virus and poses no threat to public health. The ash will be safely disposed in a fully permitted landfill.

Veolia manages hazardous and toxic wastes for governmental and industrial clients with great care and proven technical, operational and management processes. Ensuring the health, safety and welfare of our employees and the public is our highest priority, and guaranteeing environmental compliance and sustainable solutions is core to our values.

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*(\*) 2013 pro-forma unaudited figures, including Dalkia International (100%) and excluding Dalkia France. Excluding Transdev employees and revenue currently under divestment.*

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