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TDS STATEMENT IN RESPONSE TO TODAY'S TEXAS SUPREME COURT RULING
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Texas Disposal Systems Landfill, Inc. (TDS) is pleased that the Texas Supreme Court has confirmed that Waste Management of Texas knowingly and intentionally lied about TDS in an effort to damage TDS's reputation and knock TDS out of contention for two 30 year, multi-million-dollar contracts in Austin and San Antonio. This has been confirmed by two district court juries, two panels of the Third Court of Appeals, and now the Texas Supreme Court.

TDS is also pleased that the Supreme Court confirmed that Waste Management must pay Texas Disposal for the expenses TDS incurred in successfully battling Waste Management's intentionally false and defamatory statements, and also must pay punitive damages and pre and post-judgment interest to TDS.

TDS respectfully disagrees with the Supreme Court's opinion that TDS did not prove sufficient reputational damages. TDS presented evidence of extensive expense, effort, and time it devoted to overcoming Waste Management's intentional falsehoods, and showed that its business suffered a decline after the false statements were made. We believe this portion of the ruling will make it extremely difficult in the future for upstanding companies to protect themselves from unscrupulous competitors, unless revised by the court.

Waste Management's falsehoods were intentionally targeted at TDS's sterling environmental reputation, which TDS has diligently worked to establish and maintain. TDS remains committed to the highest standards in customer service and environmental protection.