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**WPSC SELECTS LOCUS TECHNOLOGIES FOR CLOSURE OF THE  
THOMAS RANCH SUPERFUND SITE IN CORONA, CALIFORNIA**

Walnut Creek, Calif.--(Company Press Release)--Sept. 22 1998--Locus Technologies ([www.locustec.com](http://www.locustec.com)) Tuesday announced that it has been awarded an engineering, procurement and construction oversight contract for the closure of Thomas Ranch Superfund Site in Corona, California.

The Thomas Ranch Site is a State Superfund Site, and the Administering Agency is the California Environmental Protection Agency, Department of Toxic Substances Control (DTSC). The remedial action specified includes the construction of a closure system over four waste impoundments. The site is 15 acres and surface area to be capped is 1.5 acres. The site was used for disposal of sulfuric acid waste from petroleum refining operation.

Western Processing Service Corporation (WPSC), a wholly-owned subsidiary of Western Savings & Loan Association, is the current owner of the Thomas Ranch Site. Western Savings & Loan Association is a failed savings and loan institution that is in receivership. The Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation (FDIC) is the current receiver.

"This is obviously an important win for us," said Neno Duplancic, President and CEO of Locus Technologies. "It demonstrates both our competitiveness and ability to provide WPSC with a single source for closure design, procurement, and construction oversight services."

Project execution will come primarily from Locus Technologies' office in Walnut Creek and its partners in Southern California. The work on closure design workplans has already begun. Construction is scheduled to begin in July 1999, with completion anticipated in late 1999.

"We are very pleased with our selection of Locus Technologies for this key closure project in Southern California," said Richard Carter, WPSC assigned project engineer. "This project is of critical importance to us and we look forward to working with DTSC and Locus on closing the site."

**About Locus Technologies**

Locus Technologies, an ENR-200 company, specializes in providing comprehensive consulting, design, information management, automation, and construction services for environmental and energy markets. For more information about the company, visit their web site at <http://www.locustec.com>.