# Investor Presentation

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# US Ecology Overview

Vision: To be the premier provider of comprehensive environmental services.

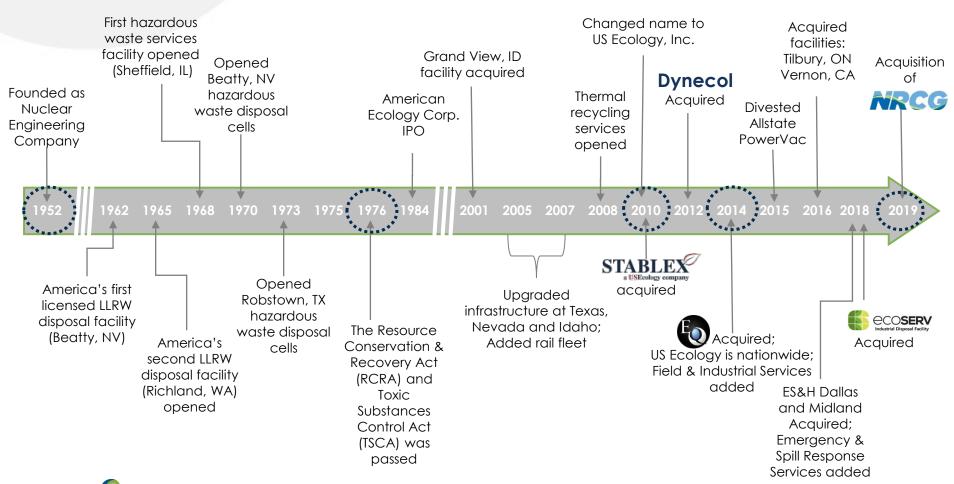
\$25 Billion <sup>(1)</sup> Environmental Services Industr	Considerable Barriers to Entry	Strong Operational and Financial Metrics	Positioned for Growth
<ul> <li>Fully Integrated Environmental Services Provider</li> <li>\$11 Billion Hazardous Waste Market         <ul> <li>\$1 Billion Radioactive Waste</li> </ul> </li> <li>\$14 Billion Field and Industrial Services</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Highly Regulated Industry</li> <li>Strategic Landfill Assets and Permitted Facilities</li> <li>Broad Geographic Reach</li> <li>Industry Expertise and Execution Track Record</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Diverse, Blue Chip Customer Base across a Broad Range of Industries</li> <li>High Proportion of Recurring Revenue Minimizes Economic Cycle Exposure</li> <li>Meaningful Operating Leverage</li> <li>Strong Balance Sheet with Financial Flexibility</li> <li>Commitment to Health, Safety and the Environment</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Drivers: Regulation, Industrial Economy, Government/ Superfund</li> <li>Growing services business with cross selling opportunities</li> <li>Pipeline of Organic Growth Initiatives</li> <li>Pursue Selective, High Quality Strategic Acquisitions</li> </ul>

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### Transformation into a Premier Provider of Environmental Services

68 years of operating experience, adding and integrating valuable assets and expanding its unique and comprehensive mix of environmental services



# NRC Transaction



# ECOL + NRC: A Compelling Combination

Closed November 1, 2019

Furthers Vision of Becoming a Premier Provider of Comprehensive Environmental Services

**Expands Leadership in Specialty and Industrial Waste Services** with high quality assets and predominantly recurring revenue streams

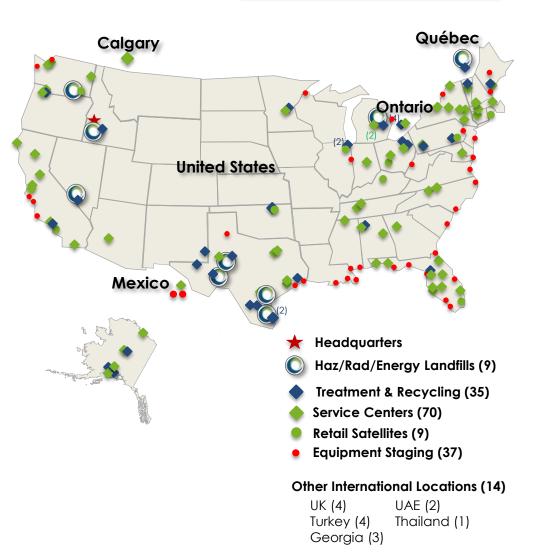
**Establishes a Leadership Position in Emergency Response**, Including a Premier Standby Network

**Provides a National Service Network**, adding 50 service sites to drive volume to ES assets, accelerating years of organic growth

Adds Complementary Energy Waste/Specialty Landfill Disposal focused on supporting the upstream energy markets in the Permian and Eagle Ford Basins with 3 landfills and 6 waste-water treatment facilities

Significantly Enhances Scale – revenue, BITDA and free cash flow

**Synergies of Approximately \$20M** and potential for upside through realization of additional revenue and cross-selling opportunities





# Overview of NRC

		Environmental Services	Standby Services	Waste Disposal
NR Lega Segm an Busin Overv	icy nent d less	<ul> <li>Comprehensive service offering</li> <li>High-frequency, non-discretionary, recurring, small-ticket projects</li> <li>Serves broad base of industrial, transportation and government customers</li> <li>National network of 50 service sites across North America</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Only commercial Oil Spill Removal Organization providing federally mandated oil spill compliance and emergency response services nationally</li> <li>Maintains prepositioned response equipment and 24/7 operations center to support rapid response capabilities</li> <li>High-margin, high frequency retainer- based business (~80%) complemented by potential incremental upside related to large marine-based spill response events (roughly ~20%)</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Three landfills strategically located in the Permian and Eagle Ford Basins as well as 6 waste-water treatment facilities</li> <li>Provides highly-regulated, non- discretionary waste disposal services</li> <li>Serves energy companies in the Gulf Region, supported by relationships in the Permian and Eagle Ford Basins</li> </ul>
ECC Segme	_	Field and In	dustrial Services	Environmental Services

### **Enhances Scale & Diversification**

- Increases revenue and EBITDA
- Furthers diversification through new waste verticals, enhanced capabilities and a broader, more-balanced service mix to drive volume and support customer needs
- Grows T&D Base business and adds new highly-recurring revenue streams including a Premier Standby Network
- Expands footprint, customer base and boosts market share

### Minimal Customer Concentration and Overlap



### Select FIS Customers



### Select NRC Customers



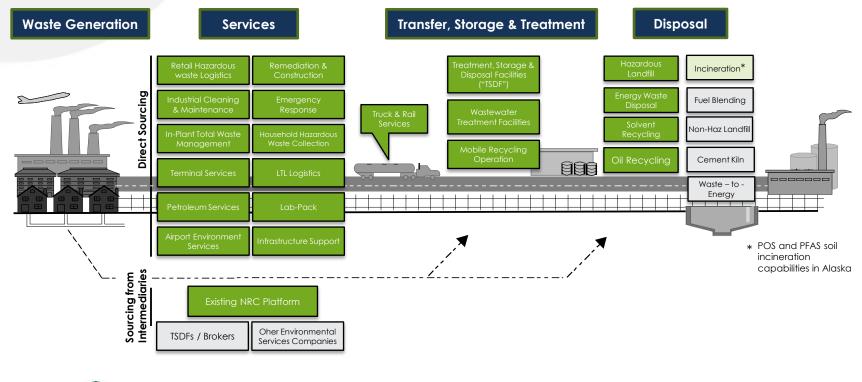
- Diverse base of blue-chip customers, with over 12,000 commercial and government entities
- Top 20 customers account for only 21% of revenue
- Strong customer retention and tenure

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# Company Overview

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### Broadened Scope of Environmental Services





## Highly Regulated Industry / Significant Barriers

#### Difficult to Replicate Infrastructure

- Longstanding regulatory and public policy environment for hazardous waste processing facilities
- High upfront cost to obtain permits, multi-year permitting timeframes, uncertainty of outcome, high initial capital expenditures and the potential for broad-based & local community opposition
- No new hazardous waste landfills have opened in the last 25 years

Stringent Permit, License & Regulatory Requirements

- Lengthy & complex permitting process for operating disposal assets requires a deep understanding of federal & state laws & regulations
- Strict requirements to maintain regulatory compliance and permits for service capabilities and facilities
- Legislation enacted post-Exxon-Valdez (OPA-90) requires all vessels carrying petroleum products in U.S. waters to file an emergency response plan and have spill service providers on retainer; NRC is one of only two national players who provide this service
- Government regulatory agencies regularly inspect operations to monitor compliance and have the authority to suspend or revoke operating licenses & permits or impose civil or criminal penalties in cases of violation
- Requirements to provide high degrees of financial assurance for closure and post-closure obligations also create a significant financial hurdle for new entrants



# Segment Overview

### Environmental Services ("ES")

- Provides hazardous and non-hazardous materials management services at Company-owned/operated treatment and disposal facilities
- Services include waste disposal, treatment, recycling and transportation
  - Key assets include:
    - Hazardous waste landfills
    - Commercially licensed radioactive waste landfill
    - Treatment and Recycling facilities
    - Energy waste landfills, wastewater treatment and related services

### Field & Industrial Services ("FIS")

- Field Services: Provides packaging, collection and waste management solutions at customer sites and our 10-day storage facilities as well as emergency and spill response
  - Small Quantity Generation ("SQG")
    - Retail Services
    - LTL Collection
    - Lab pack
    - Household Hazardous Waste ("HHW")
  - Emergency Response
  - Standby Services
  - Total Waste Management
  - Transportation and Logistics
  - Remediation
- Industrial Services: Provides specialty cleaning, maintenance and excavation services at customers' industrial sites as well as emergency response services and transportation.

### Corporate

Cost center providing sales and administrative support across segments

<sup>1</sup>See definition and reconciliation of Adjusted EBITDA and adjusted earnings per diluted share on pages 38-47 of this presentation <sup>2</sup> Includes NRC acquisition for the 2 months of ownership in 2019

#### 2019 Statistics for ES<sup>(2)</sup>

- Revenue: \$453.1 million (66%)
- Adjusted EBITDA<sup>1</sup>: \$187.8 million
- Adjusted EBITDA Margin: 41%

#### 2019 Statistics for FIS<sup>(2)</sup>

- Revenue: \$232.4 million (34%)
- Adjusted EBITDA<sup>1</sup>: \$26.7 million
- Adjusted EBITDA Margin: 11%

2019 Statistics for Corporate<sup>(2)</sup>

• Adjusted EBITDA<sup>1</sup>: (\$65.1 million)

# Coast to Coast Disposal Network

### Hazardous Waste Disposal

- Facilities Positioned throughout North America
  - 5 Haz / Non-Haz Landfills (All Co-Located with Treatment)
  - 1 Radioactive Waste Landfill (Class A, B, C) •
- Located near Industrial Centers in the West, Northeast, Midwest and Gulf Regions
- Broad Range of Permits and Acceptance Criteria
- Infrastructure to Support High Volume Transfer
- Rail and Truck Access



Idaho (Grand View)



**Stablex** (Quebec - Blainville)

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Michigan (Belleville)



Texas (Robstown)



Nevada (Beatty)



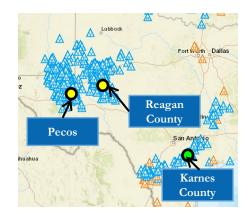
Washington (Richland) Radioactive Landfill Unequaled service. Solutions you can trust.

### **Energy Waste Disposal**

- Facilities Positioned in Key Texas Shale Formations
  - 3 Energy Waste Landfills
- Located in Permian (2) and Eagle Ford (1) Basins



**Karnes County** 



Source: Baker Hughes as of May 9, 2018



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# Long-lived Facilities with Significant Capacity

Location	Total Acreage	Permitted Airspace (Cubic Yards)	Non-Permitted Airspace (Cubic Yards)	Estimated Life (Years)	Services Provided		
Beatty, Nevada	480	7,895,023	-	32	Hazardous and non-hazardous industrial, RCRA, TSCA and certain NRC-exempt (NORM) radioactive waste		
Robstown, Texas	1,425	10,065,433	-	45	Hazardous and non-hazardous industrial, RCRA, PCB remediation and certain NRC-exempt (LARM and NORM/NARM) radioactive waste. Rail transfer station		
Grand View, Idaho	1,411	10,113,264	18,100,000	212	Hazardous and non-hazardous industrial, RCRA, TSCA, and certain NRC-exempt (NORM/NARM, Technologically Enhanced NORM (TENORM)) radioactive waste. Rail transfer station		
Belleville, Michigan	455	11,386,673	-	28	Hazardous and non-hazardous industrial, RCRA, TSCA, and certain NRC-exempt (NORM/NARM, Technologically Enhanced NORM (TENORM)) radioactive waste. Rail transfer station		
Blainville, Québec, Canada	350	5,495,457		20	Inorganic hazardous liquid and solid waste and contaminated soils. Direct rail access		
Karnes County, Texas	382	6,492,000	-	13	Energy waste disposal landfill		
Pecos County, Texas	207	11,335,600		57	Energy waste disposal landfill		
Reagan County, Texas	645	10,926,977		109	Energy waste disposal landfill		
Richland, Washington	100	60,040		37	LLRW disposal facility accepts Class A, B, and C commercial LLRW, NORM/NARM and LARM waste		
Total		73,770,467	18,100,000				

# Large Treatment Network

- Facilities throughout the Northeast, Midwest, West, South and Gulf regions
- Five co-located with disposal facilities
- Ability to manage a wide range of liquid and solid waste streams
- Broad range of de-characterization and delisting capabilities
- State-of-the-art air handling

### **26 Treatment Facilities**

### Located at Landfills

Idaho	Michigan	Nevada
Quebec	Texas	

### Standalone (NRC in Blue)

Michigan (2)	Ohio	Maine
Pennsylvania	Illinois	Alaska
Alabama	Oklahoma	Vermont
Florida	Ontario	Texas (5)
California	Texas	Oregon
		New Mexico

Michigan (Detroit) Treatment / Stabilization

and WWT

### Ohio, Penn. and Illinois

Liquid and Solid Waste Treatment Nevada (Beatty) Treatment / Stabilization Texas Wastewater Treatment







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## Recycling

- Seven recovery / recycling operations in the Gulf, Midwest, Northeast and Southern Regions
- Market Oriented Solutions:
  - Thermal Desorption Oil / Catalyst Recovery
  - Solvent Distillation Airline De-icing, Other Solvents
  - Selective Precipitation Valuable Metals Recovery

### Texas (Robstown)

Thermal Recycling



#### **Resource Recovery** Glycol & NMP Solvent Recycling (MI) Two Airport Recovery Sites (MN & PA)



### Pennsylvania (York) Ohio (Canton) Selective Precipitation Metals Recovery



### Comprehensive Offering of Field & Industrial Services

### **Field Services**

### **Small Quantity Generator Services**

**Retail** End-to-end management of retail hazardous waste



LTL / HHW HHW collection and LTL container management

Lab Pack Small quantity chemical management services



### **Industrial Services**

Industrial Maintenance & Cleaning

Wet & dry vacuuming, water blasting, paint system cleaning, pollution control, etc.



### **Other Field Services**

#### Total Waste Management

Outsourced management, tracking and reporting all waste streams for generators

Emergency Response Services to respond to any spill, natural disaster or accident







Transportation & Logistics Transport of waste from point of generation to ultimate disposal

Standby Services Oil Spill Removal Organization providing federally mandated oil spill compliance and emergency response services nationally





**Remediation** Management of remedial construction projects from start to finish





### Increased Demand for Emergency Response Decontamination Services

US Ecology has extensive experience managing decontamination responses to biohazards and infectious disease outbreaks including Ebola, H1N1 and now COVID-19

#### **Services Provided**



Hazardous Materials / Infectious Waste Management

**Disinfection Services** 

- Biological and Infectious Response
- Blood Borne Pathogen Cleanup
  - **Cleanup and Disposal**

### **US Ecology Differentiation**



National services network

Extensive experience responding to past outbreaks (Ebola, H1N1)

#### Industry-leading safety record

68-year track record of excellence



#### Adhering to Highest Standard of Quality & Safety

- Center for Disease Control
- Occupational Safety and Health Administration
- World Health Organization
- Highest-Grade PPE Available
- Hospital-Grade Disinfecting Agents

# Organic & Inorganic Growth Opportunities

### Execute on Marketing Initiatives

Leverage Regulatory Expertise

Build on Robust Waste Handling Infrastructure

Provide Unequalled Customer Service

Disciplined Buy or Build Strategy



Generate Sustainable Increases in EPS and Cash Flow

#### Build base business

Increase win rate on clean-up project pipeline
Drive volumes to profit from inherent
operating leverage
Target high margin, niche waste streams
Develop new markets and services; cross-sell

Expand current permit capabilities Seek new permits for service expansion Capitalize on evolving regulatory environment Take advantage of cross-border, importexport expertise

Introduce new treatment technologies
Maximize throughput at all facilities
Utilize transportation assets
Expand thermal recycling
Investing in our IT Systems

Customer-centric focus

Listening to customers is critical to success

Identify innovative and technology-driven solutions for customer challenges

Expand disposal network, customer base and geographic footprint

Invest in services that drive growth and margin to Environmental Services Business

- Select greenfield opportunities
- Preserve flexibility

# Financial Overview

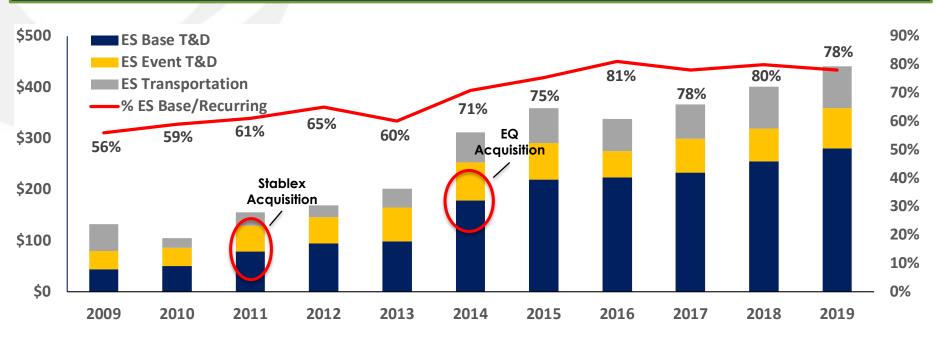


# Growing Proportion of Recurring Revenue

Recurring re	Recurring revenue from growing variety of businesses provides top-line stability and heightened visibility											
ECOL T&D Base Revenue	<ul> <li>Consists of waste streams from ongoing industrial activities that is recurring in nature</li> <li>Generated approximately 78% of the Company's Environmental Services segment treatment and disposal revenue for 2019</li> </ul>											
Domestic Standby Services	<ul> <li>Required by OPA- 90, resulting in a highly visible, recurring revenue stream based on long-term contracts and not dependent on commodity price fluctuations</li> <li>Approximately 85% of Domestic Standby Services customers are under retainer contracts and over 60% have retainer contracts spanning over ten years</li> </ul>											
Field & Industrial Services	<ul> <li>Largely represents high frequency, recurring, small-ticket projects driven by overall industrial production and GDP growth, providing a revenue mix with a high degree of diversity and stability</li> </ul>											
Energy Waste Disposal Services ("EWDS")	<ul> <li>EDWS landfill and Quail Run wastewater treatment businesses are similar in nature to ECOL's T&amp;D Base business</li> <li>Provides transportation, containment services, rig cleaning, equipment rental, emergency responds and remediation services</li> </ul>											
Additional Recurring Revenue Streams	<ul> <li>Certain regions within Field and Industrial Services provide a highly visible source of revenue including Alaska, Vermont and Maine</li> <li>ECOL benefits from additional long-term contracts and sources of recurring revenue including MSG, Retail, LTL, Lab Pack and certain remediation contracts</li> </ul>											

# Building Our Recurring Revenue – Legacy USE

### Focus on Growing Base Business



### Continued investment to grow base treatment & disposal (T&D)

- Lean/Focused sales •
- Hybrid broker/Direct channel
- Permit modifications
- Infrastructure expansion
- Positioned for event business ("Surge Capacity")

Note: Reflects the T&D revenue associated with acquisitions on an "as reported" basis.



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### **Revenue Trends**

### Revenue

(\$ in Millions)



#### **Diversified End Market Exposure**

**Revenue Growth (YoY)** 

Based on YoY comparison excluding APV (1)

(2) Excludes \$70 million for two months of NRC ownership

(3) Includes \$87 million for NRC



# Net Income & Adj. EBITDA

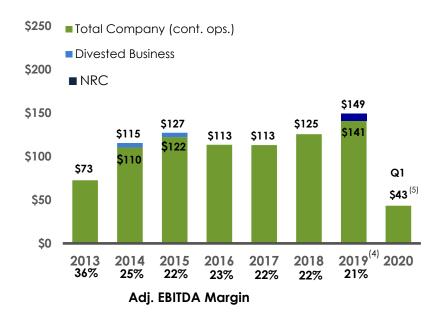
### Net Income

(\$ in Millions)



### Adj. EBITDA<sup>(1)</sup>

(\$ in Millions)

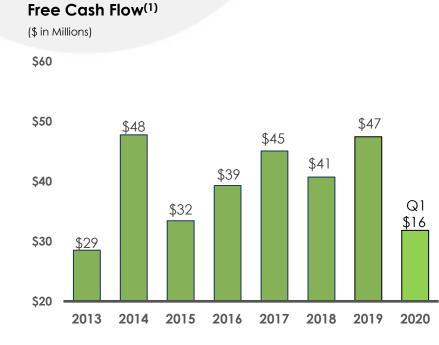


See definition and reconciliation of Adjusted EBITDA on pages 38-47 of this presentation
 Includes an income tax benefit of approximately \$23.8 million related to tax reform
 Includes \$22.0 million of business development & integration expenses, net of tax

(4) Includes \$8.5 million for two months of NRC ownership

(5) Includes \$12.2 million for NRC

### Strong Free Cash Flow, Liquidity and Capital Structure



(1) See reconciliation on pages 43 and 47.

### Cash and Debt (as of 3/31/20)

Cash on hand:	\$109.8 million
Net Borrowing's outstanding:	\$749.0 million
Available Capacity on Revolver:	\$75.9 million
Working Capital:	\$216.6 million

- Q1-20 operating cash flow of \$29.3m, up 58%
- Nearly \$70 million in savings for 2020 from adjusting capital allocation plans (suspend dividend, cut costs and reduce capital expenditures)
- Total leverage on TTM EBITDA 3.4x
- Continue to generate cash, even at reduced
   Adjusted EBITDA levels

### Q1-20 Financial Review TOTAL COMPANY

<b>\$240.7M</b> +84% vs. prior year	Revenue	<ul> <li>NRC contributed \$86.6m</li> <li>Environmental Services ("ES") up 37% to \$126.7m</li> <li>NRC contributed \$16.8m to ES</li> <li>Field and Industrial Services ("FIS") up 194% to \$114.0m</li> <li>NRC contributed \$69.8m</li> </ul>
<b>25.4%</b> vs. 26.9% prior year	Gross Margin	<ul> <li>ES Treatment and Disposal ("T&amp;D") margin 39% both Q1-20 and Q1-19</li> <li>NRC Energy Waste Disposal business lowered overall ES margin</li> <li>FIS gross margin of 15% Q1-20, up from 10% in Q1-19</li> </ul>
<b>\$51.1M</b> vs. \$20.3m prior year	SG&A	<ul> <li>NRC contributed \$19.7m</li> <li>Business development &amp; integration expenses of \$2.9m</li> <li>Q1-19 included favorable \$4.7 property insurance recovery</li> <li>Higher labor and insurance costs</li> </ul>
<b>\$0.12</b> vs. \$0.22 prior year	Adj. EPS <sup>(1)</sup>	<ul> <li>Intangible asset amortization ~\$0.21 per share</li> <li>Cash EPS \$0.33 in Q1-20 vs \$0.31 Q1-19, or 6% growth</li> </ul>
<b>\$43.2M</b> vs. \$23.7m prior year	Adj. EBITDA <sup>(1)</sup>	<sup>1</sup> See definition and reconciliation of non-GAAP measures in slides 38-47

# Q1-20 Financial Review LEGACY US ECOLOGY

<b>\$154.1M</b> +18% vs. prior year	Revenue	<ul> <li>ES up 19% to \$109.9m</li> <li>T&amp;D revenue up 17%</li> <li>Transportation up 32%</li> <li>Base Business up 5%; 75% of rev</li> <li>Event Business 102%; 25% of rev</li> <li>FIS up 14% to \$44.2m</li> <li>Remediation and Small Quantity Generation led growth</li> </ul>
<b>29.0%</b> vs. 26.9% prior year	Gross Margin	<ul> <li>ES T&amp;D margin up nearly 300 basis points to 42% Q1-20 vs 39% in Q1-19 on Base and Event Business volume and Grand View recovery</li> <li>FIS gross margin up 246 basis points to 12%, compared to 9.5% in Q1-19 on service mix and route density</li> </ul>
<b>\$30.9M</b> vs. \$20.3m prior year	SG&A	<ul> <li>Business development &amp; integration costs of \$2.4m</li> <li>Q1-19 included favorable \$4.7 property insurance recovery</li> <li>Higher labor and insurance costs</li> <li>SG&amp;A as % of revenue declined 43 basis points, excluding business development and property gains</li> </ul>
<b>\$31.0M</b> vs. \$23.7m prior year	Adj. EBITDA <sup>(1)</sup>	<ul> <li>ES growth of 20% to \$42.3m</li> <li>FIS growth of 47% to \$3.8m</li> <li>Corp cost increase of 7% to \$15.1m</li> </ul>

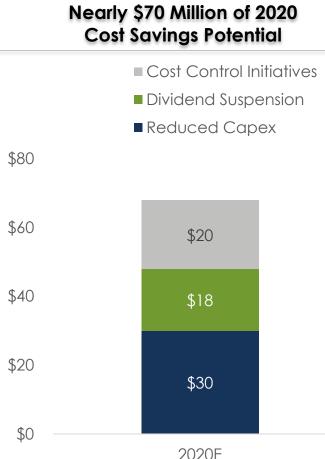
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# **Capital Preservation Initiatives Enacted**

### Action plan to address the economic uncertainty as a consequence of the COVID-19 Pandemic

#### Conserve Cash in 2020

Reduced capital expenditures by ~ \$30 million, or 30% Temporarily suspended dividend, saving \$6 million per quarter, \$18 million in 2020 Cost control initiatives to generate up to \$20 million of annual savings Minimize Customer and Employee Disruption All services deemed essential by government agencies Implemented policies to meet customer needs, minimize potential service disruptions while protecting employee safety Restricted non-essential travel Instituted remote-work programs Contingency plans combat economic and market volatility



\$ in millions

# Financial Policy Overview

Target Capital Structure	<ul> <li>Target leverage of mid-3x for the right strategic opportunity</li> <li>Continue to de-lever and reach 2.0x total leverage positioning for future acquisitions</li> </ul>
Organic Growth Strategy	<ul> <li>Generate sustainable increases in revenues, earnings and free cash flow by executing on marketing initiatives, leveraging regulatory expertise, building on the Company's robust waste handling infrastructure</li> <li>Continued integration of T&amp;D and services will augment and sustain growth</li> </ul>
Acquisition Strategy	<ul> <li>Conservative and targeted approach to acquisitions, centering around treatment and disposal assets and complementary services</li> <li>Focused on filling in service gaps across the value chain and leveraging core competencies to service generators of regulated and specialty waste</li> <li>Company continues to evaluate acquisitions on an opportunistic basis</li> </ul>
Capital Preservation Policy driven by Pandemic	<ul> <li>Suspended quarterly dividend. Policy is reviewed annually by the board of directors who approves levels based on free cash flow and ongoing cash needs</li> <li>Reducing capital spending by approximately \$30 million in 2020</li> <li>Cost controls to generate \$20 million in savings</li> </ul>

# Withholding Guidance due to COVID-19

- Withdrew original 2020 full year guidance March 31, 2020 on unprecedented uncertainty and market conditions
- What we expect:
  - Haz waste and associated field services to weather the conditions
  - COVID-19 decontaminations services offsetting some of the industrial softness
  - Energy exposed markets down significantly with long recovery
  - April 2020 Base Business volumes down 15%-20% from March 2020 and April 2019
  - April Event Business volumes up sequentially from March 2020, down slightly from April 2019
  - Q2-20 expected to be lowest quarter of year
  - Businesses reopen in phases commencing in May
  - Overall industrial activity strengthens at the end of Q2 into Q3
  - Strong year-over-year FCF generation even on reduced operating levels
  - Current environment does not yet provide enough clarity to refresh guidance

# 2020 Market Considerations

Energy Waste Disposal Services

- Direct impact from both supply- and demand-side factors impacting crude oil market
- Energy companies reducing capital expenditures by 50% or more as a result of dramatic drop in oil prices
- Energy waste represented 12% of 2019 revenue
- US Ecology's assets strategically located in the Permian and Eagle Ford basins, the two lowest cost basins in the U.S.

Environmental and Field & Industrial Services

- Stay-at-home and related government-mandated orders forcing the temporary closure of all non-essential businesses, including certain industrial facilities
- All US Ecology services deemed essential by U.S. Department of Homeland Security
- Leading small quantity generation and emergency response services expected to grow
- Extensive experience managing decontamination responses to biohazards and infectious disease outbreaks

#### **Balance Sheet Strength**

- Capital expenditure reductions, suspended dividend and cost control initiatives to conserve as much as \$70 million of cash in 2020
- Ensure the flexibility and ability to take advantage of opportunities to further our strategic plan when the market rebounds

Defensible and scalable business model as well as financial flexibility positions the business to withstand uncertain times

# **US Ecology Investment Highlights**







### Q1-20 Financial Review Revenue Disaggregation (CONSOLIDATED)

	Three months Ended March 31,												
(in thousands)				2020			2019						
	Environmental Services		Field & Industrial Services		Total	Environmental Services		Field & Industrial Services		Total			
Treatment & Disposal Revenue	\$	100,049	\$	9,984	\$110,033	\$	77,713	\$	2,796	\$ 80,509			
Service Revenue:													
Transportation and Logistics		26,696		6,154	32,850		14,619		7,093	21,712			
Industrial Services		-		28,478	28,478		-		6,016	6,016			
Small Quantity Generation		-		11,084	11,084		-		8,189	8,189			
Total Waste Management		-		8,482	8,482		-		8,714	8,714			
Remediation		-		10,441	10,441		-		1,726	1,726			
Emergency Response		-		24,922	24,922		-		3,046	3,046			
Domestic Standby Services		-		9,467	9,467		-		-	-			
Other		-		4,963	4,963		-		1,125	1,125			
Total Revenue	\$	126,745	\$	113,975	\$240,720	\$	92,332	\$	38,705	\$131,037			

## Q1-20 Financial Review Revenue Disaggregation (LEGACY US ECOLOGY)

				Thre	ee I	months E	nded	March 31,				
(in thousands)	2020											
		ronmental ervices	Fi	eld & Industrial Services		Total		ironmental Services	Fi	eld & Industrial Services	Total	% increase Q1-20 vs Q1-19
Treatment & Disposal Revenue	\$	91,054	\$	3,340	\$	94,394	\$	77,713	\$	2,796	\$ 80,509	17%
Service Revenue:												
Transportation and Logistics		18,889		6,155		25,044		14,619		7,093	21,712	15%
Industrial Services		-		4,747		4,747		-		6,016	6,016	-21%
Small Quantity Generation		-		10,843		10,843		-		8,189	8,189	32%
Total Waste Management		-		8,482		8,482		-		8,714	8,714	-3%
Remediation		-		5,517		5,517		-		1,726	1,726	220%
Emergency Response		-		3,024		3,024		-		3,046	3,046	-1%
Other		-		2,055		2,055		-		1,125	1,125	83%
Total Revenue	\$	109,943	\$	44,163	\$1	154,106	\$	92,332	\$	38,705	\$131,037	18%

# Q1-20 Financial Review ES T&D Revenue by Industry (LEGACY US ECOLOGY)

Environmental Services T&D Revenue by Industry											
	Percent of Total Percent C										
	Q1 '20	Q1 '19	Q1 '20 vs. Q1 '19								
Chemical Manufacturing	20%	17%	46%								
Metal Manufacturing	16%	16%	24%								
Broker / TSDF	13%	15%	6%								
General Manufacturing	12%	12%	16%								
Government	7%	7%	26%								
Refining	6%	10%	-26%								
Transportation	6%	4%	74%								
Waste Management & Remediation	3%	1%	158%								
Utilities	3%	3%	6%								
Mining and E&P	2%	2%	-18%								
Other	12%	13%	6%								

Environmental Services T8	D Revenue by Industry	
	% Change - Q	1 '20 vs. Q1 '19
	Base	Event
Chemical Manufacturing	10%	120%
Metal Manufacturing	4%	1483%
Broker / TSDF	6%	n/m
General Manufacturing	8%	553%
Government	-1%	43%
Refining	-20%	-66%
Transportation	13%	328%
Waste Management & Remediation	1%	77965%
Utilities	31%	-22%
Mining and E&P	11%	-100%
Other	<b>9</b> %	-16%

### Q1-20 Financial Review Financial Position & Cash Flow Metrics

(in thousands)	М	arch 31, 2020	Dece	mber 31, 2019
Assets				
Current Assets:				
Cash and cash equivalents	\$	109,790	\$	41,281
Other current assets		277,790		291,690
Total current assets		387,580		332,971
Long-term assets		1,591,059		1,898,273
Total assets	\$	1,978,639	\$	2,231,244
Liabilities and Stockholders' Equity				
Current Liabilities:				
Short-term borrowings and current portion				
of long-term debt		3,754		3,359
Other current liabilities		167,240		177,411
Total current liabilities		170,994		180,770
Long-term debt		855,003		765,842
Other long-term liabilities		276,319		273,252
Total liabilities		1,302,316		1,219,864
Stockholders' Equity		676,323		1,011,380
Total liabilities and stockholders' equity	\$	1,978,639	\$	2,231,244
Working Capital	\$	216,586	\$	152,201
		Three months e	nded N	larch 31,
Selected Cash Flow Items:		2020		2019
Net cash provided by operating activities	\$	29,346	\$	18,524
Adjusted free cash flow <sup>1</sup>	\$	15,915	\$	12,101

<sup>1</sup>See definition and reconciliation of non-GAAP measures in slides 38-47

### Non-GAAP Financial Measures

US Ecology reports adjusted EBITDA, adjusted earnings per diluted share results and adjusted free cash flow, which are non-GAAP financial measures, as a complement to results provided in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles in the United States ("GAAP") and believes that such information provides analysts, stockholders, and other users information to better understand the Company's operating performance. Because adjusted EBITDA, adjusted earnings per diluted share and adjusted free cash flow are not measurements determined in accordance with GAAP and are thus susceptible to varying calculations they may not be comparable to similar measures used by other companies. Items excluded from adjusted EBITDA, adjusted earning and assessing financial performance.

Adjusted EBITDA, adjusted earnings per diluted share and adjusted free cash flow should not be considered in isolation or as an alternative to, or substitute for, net income, cash flows generated by operations, investing or financing activities, or other financial statement data presented in the consolidated financial statements as indicators of financial performance or liquidity. Adjusted EBITDA, adjusted earnings per diluted share and adjusted free cash flow have limitations as analytical tools and should not be considered in isolation or a substitute for analyzing our results as reported under GAAP.

### Non-GAAP Financial Measures - Definitions

#### Adjusted Earnings Per Diluted Share

The Company defines adjusted earnings per diluted share as net income adjusted for the after-tax impact of the non-cash impairment charges, the after-tax impact of the gain on the issuance of a property easement, the impact of discrete income tax adjustments, the after-tax impact of property insurance recoveries, the after-tax impact of business development costs, and non-cash foreign currency translation gains or losses, divided by the number of diluted shares used in the earnings per share calculation.

Impairment charges excluded from the earnings per diluted share calculation are related to the Company's assessment of goodwill and intangible assets associated with its mobile recycling business in 2020 and airport recovery business in 2019. The property easement gain relates to the issuance of an easement on a small portion of owned land at an operating facility which should not hinder our future use. The discrete income tax adjustments relate to the implementation of tax planning strategies that resulted in one-time favorable adjustments to prior year income tax returns. Business development costs relate to expenses incurred to evaluate businesses for potential acquisition or costs related to closing and integrating successfully acquired businesses and transaction expenses. The foreign currency translation gains or losses excluded from the earnings per diluted share calculation are related to intercompany loans between our Canadian subsidiaries and the U.S. parent which have been established as part of our tax and treasury management strategy. These intercompany loans are payable in Canadian dollars ("CAD") requiring us to revalue the outstanding loan balance through our consolidated income statement based on the CAD/United States currency movements from period to period.

We believe excluding the non-cash impairment charges, the discrete income tax adjustments, the gain on issuance of a property easement, the aftertax impact of business development costs, and non-cash foreign currency translation gains or losses provides meaningful information to investors regarding the operational and financial performance of the Company.

#### Cash Earnings Per Diluted Share

The Company defines cash earnings per diluted share as adjusted earnings per diluted share (see definition above) plus amortization of intangible assets, net of tax.

#### **Adjusted EBITDA**

The Company defines adjusted EBITDA as net income before interest expense, interest income, income tax expense/benefit, depreciation, amortization, share-based compensation, accretion of closure and post-closure liabilities, foreign currency gain/loss, non-cash impairment charges, property insurance recoveries, business development and integration expenses and other income/expense.

#### Adjusted Free Cash Flow

The Company defines adjusted free cash flow as net cash provided by operating activities less purchases of property plant and equipment, plus business development and integration expenses, plus payments of deferred/contingent purchase consideration, plus purchases of property and equipment for the Grand View, Idaho facility rebuild, plus synergy related capital expenditures, plus proceeds from sale of property and equipment.

# Consolidated Financial Results: 2019 vs. 2018

	Y	'ear Ended D	ecem	ber 31,			
(in thousands, except per share data)	2019			2018	\$ Change		% Change
Revenue	\$	685,509	\$	565,928	\$	119,581	21.1%
Gross profit		209,834		170,094		39,740	23.4%
SG&A <sup>1</sup>		141,123		92,340		48,783	52.8%
Goodwill & intangible asset impairment charges		-		3,666		(3,666)	-100.0%
Operating income <sup>1</sup>		68,711		74,088		(5,377)	-7.3%
Interest expense, net		(18,634)		(11,915)		(6,719)	56.4%
Foreign currency (loss) gain		(733)		55		(788)	-1432.7%
Otherincome		455		2,630		(2,175)	-82.7%
Income before income taxes		49,799		64,858		(15,059)	-23.2%
Income tax expense		16,659		15,263		1,396	9.1%
Netincome	\$	33,140	\$	49,595	\$	(16,455)	-33.2%
Earnings per share:							
Basic	\$	1.41	\$	2.27	\$	(0.86)	-37.9%
Diluted	\$	1.40	\$	2.25	\$	(0.85)	-37.8%
Shares used in earnings per share calculation:							
Basic		23,521		21 <i>,</i> 888			
Diluted		23,749		22,047			

<sup>1</sup> Includes pre-tax business development expenses of \$26.2 million and \$748,000 for the year ended December 31, 2019 and 2018, respectively.



### Consolidated Financial Results: 2019 vs. 2018

	Y	Year Ended D	ecem	ber 31,			
(in thousands)		2019		2018		Change	% Change
Adjusted EBITDA / Pro Forma adjusted EBITDA Reconciliation							
Netincome	\$	33,140	\$	49,595			
Income tax expense		16,659		15,263			
Interest expense, net		18,634		11,915			
Foreign currency loss (gain)		733		(55)			
Otherincome		(455)		(2,630)			
Property and equipment impairment charges		25		-			
Goodwill & intangible asset impairment charges		-		3,666			
Depreciation and amortization		41,423		29,207			
Amortization of intangibles		15,491		9,645			
Share-based compensation		5,544		4,366			
Accretion and non-cash adjustments							
of closure & post-closure obligations		4,388		3,707			
Property insurance recoveries		(12,366)		(347)			
Business development & integration expenses <sup>1</sup>		26,150		748			
Adjusted EBITDA	\$	149,366	\$	125,080	\$	24,286	19.4%
Adjusted EBITDA by Operating Segment:							
Environmental Services	\$	187,759	\$	160,179		27,580	17.2%
Field & Industrial Services		26,707		18,456		8,251	44.7%
Corporate		(65,100)		(53,555)		(11,545)	21.6%
Total	\$	149,366	\$	125,080	\$	24,286	19.4%

<sup>1</sup> In the fourth quarter of 2019, the Company modified the calculation of adjusted EBITDA to adjust for business development and integration expenses. In previous quarters, adjusted EBITDA did not adjust for business development and integration expenses and the Company disclosed pro forma adjusted EBITDA which did adjust for business development and integration expenses. The calculation of adjusted EBITDA has been updated for all periods presented to adjust for business development and integration expenses, resulting in an increase of \$748,000 in adjusted EBITDA from what was previously reported for the year ended December 31, 2018.

# Consolidated Financial Results: 2019 vs. 2018

				Yea	r Ended I	Decer	nber 31,				
(in thousands, except per share data)		2019						2018			
Adjusted Earnings Per Share Reconciliation	me before ome taxes	Income tax	ir	Net ncome	per share		ome before ome taxes	Income tax	in	Net come	per share
As reported	\$ 49,799	\$(16,659)	\$	33,140	\$1.40	\$	64,858	\$(15,263)	\$	49,595	\$ 2.25
Adjustments:											
Less: Property insurance recoveries	(12,366)	3,339		(9,027)	(0.38)		-	-		-	-
Plus: Business development costs	26,150	(4,192)		21,958	0.92		748	(202)		546	0.03
Plus: Property and equipment impairment charges	25	-		25	-		-	-		-	-
Plus: Goodwill and intangible asset impairment											
charges	-	-		-	-		3,666	-		3,666	0.17
Less: TX land easement gain	-	-		-	-		(1,990)	512		(1,478)	(0.07)
Less: Discrete income tax adjustments	-	-		-	-		-	(2,146)		(2,146)	(0.10)
Foreign currency loss (gain) <sup>(1)</sup>	 733	(198)		535	0.02		(55)	13		(42)	(0.01)
As adjusted	\$ 64,341	\$(17,710)	\$	46,631	\$ 1.96	\$	67,227	\$(17,086)	\$	50,141	\$ 2.27
Plus: Amortization of intangible assets	15,491	(4,229)		11,262	0.47		9,645	(2,604)		7,041	0.32
Cash earnings per diluted share	\$ 79,832	\$(21,939)	\$	57,893	\$ 2.43	\$	76,872	\$(19,690)	\$	57,182	\$ 2.59
Shares used in earnings per diluted share calculation		-		23,749				-		22,047	

<sup>1</sup> In the first quarter of 2019, the Company conformed the amount of the foreign currency gains or losses included in the calculation of adjusted earnings per diluted share with the amount of the foreign currency gains or losses included in the calculation of adjusted EBITDA. In previous quarters, only non-cash translation gains or losses were included in the calculation of adjusted earnings per diluted share while total foreign currency gains or losses were included in the calculation of adjusted EBITDA. The calculation of adjusted earnings per diluted share while total foreign currency gains or losses were included in the calculation of adjusted earnings per diluted share while total foreign currency gains or losses, resulting in a \$0.05 decrease in adjusted earnings per diluted share from what was previously reported for the year ended December 31, 2018.

### Adjusted Free Cash Flow: 2019 vs. 2018

1ber 31,
2018
81,485
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	Th	ree months Er	nded N	Narch 31,			
(in thousands, except per share data)		2020		2019	\$	Change	% Change
Revenue	\$	240,720	\$	131,037	\$	109,683	83.7%
Gross profit		61,122		35,241		25,881	73.4%
SG&A <sup>1</sup>		51,058		20,305		30,753	151.5%
Goodwill impairment charges		300,300				300,300	n/m
Operating (loss) income <sup>1</sup>		(290,236)		14,936		(305,172)	-2043.2%
Interest expense, net		(9,221)		(3,823)		(5,398)	141.2%
Foreign currency gain (loss)		937		(139)		1,076	-774.1%
Otherincome		171		110		61	55.5%
(Loss) income before income taxes		(298,349)		11,084	(309,433)		-2791.7%
Income tax (benefit) expense		(263)		3,041		(3,304)	-108.6%
Net (loss) income	\$	(298,086)	\$	8,043	\$	(306,129)	-3806.2%
(Loss) earnings per share:							
Basic	\$	(9.52)	\$	0.37	\$	(9.89)	-2673.0%
Diluted	\$	(9.52)	\$	0.36	\$	(9.88)	-2744.4%
Shares used in (loss) earnings per share calculation:							
Basic		31,305		21,987			
Diluted		31,305		22,197			

<sup>1</sup>Includes \$2,907 and \$141 of business development and integration expenses for the three months ended March 31, 2020 and 2019, respectively.

	Th	ree months Er	nded M	Narch 31,			
(in thousands)		2020		2019	\$ C	Change	% Change
Adjusted EBITDA / Pro Forma adjusted EBITDA Reconciliation							
Net (loss) income	\$	(298,086)	\$	8,043			
Income tax (benefit) expense		(263)		3,041			
Interest expense, net		9,221		3,823			
Foreign currency (gain) loss		(937)		139			
Otherincome		(171)		(110)			
Property and equipment impairment charges		-		25			
Goodwill impairment charges		300,300		-			
Depreciation and amortization of plant and equipment		17,978		8,125			
Amortization of intangible assets		9,441		2,811			
Share-based compensation		1,564		1,222			
Accretion and non-cash adjustments of closure & post-							
closure obligations		1,266		1,125			
Property insurance recoveries		-		(4,653)			
Business development and integration expenses		2,907		141			
Adjusted EBITDA	\$	43,220	\$	23,732	\$	19,488	82.1%
Adjusted EBITDA by Operating Segment:							
Environmental Services	\$	46,124	\$	35,260		10,864	30.8%
Field & Industrial Services		14,478		2,554		11,924	466.9%
Corporate		(17,382)		(14,082)		(3,300)	23.4%
Total	\$	43,220	\$	23,732	\$	19,488	82.1%

						Three	months Er	nded M	arch 31,					
(in thousands, except per share data)				2020							2019			
	-	ss) income ore income		ncome tax benefit		et (loss)	per	Incon	ne before		tax benefit		Net	per
Adjusted Earnings Per Share Reconciliation		taxes	•	xpense)	in	ncome	share	inco	ne taxes	(e)	(pense)	in	come	share
As reported	\$	(298,349)	\$	263	<b>\$ (</b> 1	298,086)	\$(9.52)	\$	11,084	\$	(3,041)	\$	8,043	\$ 0.36
Adjustments:														
Plus: Goodwill impairment charges		300,300		-		300,300	9.59		-		-		-	-
Plus: Property and equipment impairment charges		-		-		-	-		25		-		25	-
Plus: Business development and integration														
expenses		2,907		(799)		2,108	0.07		141		(39)		102	-
Less: Property insurance recoveries		-		-		-	-		(4,653)		1,277		(3,376)	(0.15)
Foreign currency loss (gain)		(937)		258		(679)	(0.02)		139		(38)		101	0.01
As adjusted	\$	3,921	\$	(278)	\$	3,643	\$ 0.12	\$	6,736	\$	(1,841)	\$	4,895	\$ 0.22
Plus amortization of intangible assets		9,441		(2,600)		6,841	0.21		2,811		(771)		2,040	0.09
Cash earnings per diluted share	\$	13,362	\$	(2,878)	\$	10,484	\$ 0.33	\$	9,547	\$	(2,612)	\$	6,935	\$ 0.31
Shares used in earnings per diluted share calculation				-		31,305					=		22,197	

Thre	e Months End	ded M	arch 31,
	2020		2019
\$	29,346	\$	18,524
	(19,131)		(7,223)
	2,108		102
	1,811		239
	1,000		-
	781		459
\$	15,915	\$	12,101
		<b>2020</b> <b>\$ 29,346</b> (19,131) 2,108 1,811 1,000 781	\$ 29,346 \$ (19,131) 2,108 1,811 1,000 781

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