FORM 4

## UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, D.C. 20549

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## STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP

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Name and Address of Reporting Person*     Aardsma David A						2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol WASTE MANAGEMENT INC [ WMI ]									ck all applic Directo	cable)	g Pers	10% Ov	vner
(Last) (First) (Middle) 1001 FANNIN STREET, SUITE 4000						3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 03/10/2005								X	below)	(give title /P, Sales	and I	Other (s below) Marketing	·
(Street) HOUSTON TX 77002					4. I	4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year)									Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable ne)  X Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting Person				
(City)	(State) (Zip)																		
Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned																			
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Table II - Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)																			
1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 3)	2. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security	3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	3A. Deemed Execution D if any (Month/Day)	ate, T	Code (In				6. Date Exercisab Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)		!	of Securities		Derivative Security		9. Number derivative Securities Beneficial Owned Following Reported Transactio (Instr. 4)	y	Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4	Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
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Phantom Stock Units <sup>(1)</sup>	\$0	03/10/2005			A		6.8078		08/08/198	8 0	8/08/1988	Common Stock	6.80	078	\$0	1,018.06	63	D	

## **Explanation of Responses:**

1. Phantom stock units accrued under the Waste Management, Inc. Retirement Savings Restoration Plan, a supplemental retirement saving splan. A phantom stock unit is equivalent to one share of Common

## Remarks:

David A. Aardsma

03/11/2005

\*\* Signature of Reporting Person

Date

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

- \* If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 4 (b)(v).
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