

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP

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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person* <u>RAGIEL STEVEN T</u> _____ (Last) (First) (Middle) 1001 FANNIN1001 FANNIN SUITE 4000SUITE 4000 _____ (Street) HOUSTON TX 77002 _____ (City) (State) (Zip)			2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol <u>WASTE MANAGEMENT INC [WMI]</u>			5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable) Director 10% Owner <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Officer (give title below) Other (specify below) <u>President, Recycle America</u>		
			3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 01/03/2005					
			4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year)					
			6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting Person					

Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned

1. Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	3. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)		4. Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed Of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)			5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
			Code	V	Amount	(A) or (D)	Price			
Common Stock ⁽¹⁾	01/03/2005		M		5,500	A	\$20.5	24,094.2054	D	
Common Stock ⁽¹⁾	01/03/2005		M		2,500	A	\$24.01	26,594.2054	D	
Common Stock ⁽¹⁾	01/03/2005		S		5,800	D	\$29.77	20,794.2054	D	
Common Stock ⁽¹⁾	01/03/2005		S		195	D	\$29.81	20,599.2054	D	

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 Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	4. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)		5. Number of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)		6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)		7. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying Derivative Security (Instr. 3 and 4)		8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5)	9. Number of derivative Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 4)	10. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	11. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
				Code	V	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares				
Stock Option (Right to Buy) ⁽²⁾	\$20.5	01/03/2005		M		5,500		09/13/2000	09/13/2009	Common Stock	5,500	\$20.5	0.0000	D	
Stock Option (Right to Buy) ⁽³⁾	\$24.01	01/03/2005		M		2,500		03/01/2002	03/01/2011	Common Stock	2,500	\$24.01	22,500	D	
Phantom Stock Units ⁽⁴⁾	\$0	12/30/2004		A		4,3316		08/08/1988	08/08/1988	Common Stock	4,3316	\$0	506.8934	D	

Explanation of Responses:

- Option exercised and shares sold pursuant to Mr. Ragiel's Rule 10b5-1 Sales Plan.
- Stock option granted pursuant to Waste Management, Inc. 1993 Stock Incentive Plan. Stock option vests in 20% annual increments, commencing on the first anniversary date of the date of grant.
- Stock option granted pursuant to Waste Management, Inc. 2000 Stock Incentive Plan. Stock option vests in 25% annual increments, commencing on the first anniversary of the date of grant.
- Phantom stock units accrued under the Waste Management, Inc. Retirement Savings Restoration Plan, a supplemental retirement savin gs plan. A phantom stock unit is equivalent to one share of Common Stock.

Remarks:

Steven T. Ragiel 01/04/2005
 ** 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).

** Intentional misstatements or omissions of facts constitute Federal Criminal Violations See 18 U.S.C. 1001 and 15 U.S.C. 78ff(a).

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