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UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP

| Instruction 1(b). | | | | | | ed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 or Section 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940 | | | | | | | | | hours | per resp | onse: | 0.5 |
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| 1. Name and Address of Reporting Person* <u>CAFFERTY PASTORA SAN JUAN</u> | | | | | 2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol WASTE MANAGEMENT INC [WMI] | | | | | | | | 5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Is (Check all applicable) X Director 10% | | | | | |
| (Last) (First) (Middle) 1001 FANNIN SUITE 4000 | | | | | 3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 01/15/2005 | | | | | | | | Officer (g below) | ive title | | Other (sp below) | pecify | |
| (Street) HOUSTON TX 77002 | | | | | If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year) | | | | | | | 6. Indi | Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line) X Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting Person | | | | | |
| (City) (State) (Zip) | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| | | | Table I - Non- | Deriva | ative S | Securitie | s Ac | quired, D | ispos | sed o | of, or Be | nef | ficially C | wned | | | | |
| Date | | | | action 2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year) | | Transaction Dispose | | | rities Acquired (A) or ed Of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) | | | 5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported | | Form: Direct (D) or Indirect | | 7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4) | | |
| | | | | | | | Code | Ar | nount | (A) (D) | or | Price | Transaction (Instr. 3 and | | | | instr. 4) | |
| | | | Table II - D | | | | | uired, Dis , options | | | | | | ned | | | | |
| 1. Title of Derivative | 2. Conversion | 3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year) | 3A. Deemed Execution Date, if any | 4. Transa | action | Derivative E | | 6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year) | | | 7. Title an Securities Derivative (Instr. 3 a | Und | lerlying urity | ing Derivative | | 9. Number of derivative Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 4) | | 11. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4) |

Explanation of Responses:

1. Stock units accrued under the 2003 Waste Management, Inc. Directors' Deferred Compensation Plan. The stock units will be paid out in shares of common stock following termination of Board service.

(D)

Date

Exercisable

08/08/1988

Remarks:

Stock Units⁽¹⁾

Linda J. Smith, attorney-in-fact 01/19/2005

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Date

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** Signature of Reporting Person

Number of

1,374.5704

Expiration Date

08/08/1988

Title

Common Stock

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).

01/15/2005

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