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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP

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Filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 or Section 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person* <u>WILLIAMS CHARLES E</u> (Last) (First) (Middle) <u>1001 FANNIN</u> <u>SUITE 4000</u> (Street) <u>HOUSTON TX 77002</u> (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>Senior Vice President</u>
	3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) <u>12/03/2004</u>	
	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	12/03/2004		M		100,000	A	\$14.8125	141,981.8555	D	
Common Stock	12/03/2004		S		400	D	\$29.86	141,581.8555	D	
Common Stock	12/03/2004		S		2,400	D	\$29.85	139,181.8555	D	
Common Stock	12/03/2004		S		1,275	D	\$29.84	137,906.8555	D	
Common Stock	12/03/2004		S		5,300	D	\$29.83	132,606.8555	D	
Common Stock	12/03/2004		S		4,100	D	\$29.82	128,506.8555	D	
Common Stock	12/03/2004		S		11,700	D	\$29.81	116,806.8555	D	
Common Stock	12/03/2004		S		22,100	D	\$29.8	94,706.8555	D	
Common Stock	12/03/2004		S		4,400	D	\$29.79	90,306.8555	D	
Common Stock	12/03/2004		S		9,500	D	\$29.78	80,806.8555	D	
Common Stock	12/03/2004		S		300	D	\$29.77	80,506.8555	D	
Common Stock	12/03/2004		S		6,900	D	\$29.76	73,606.8555	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) ⁽¹⁾	\$14.8125	12/03/2004		M		100,000		02/28/2001	02/28/2010	Common Stock	100,000	\$14.8125	0.0000	D	

Explanation of Responses:

1. Stock option granted pursuant to Waste Management, Inc. 1993 Stock Incentive Plan. Stock option vests in 25% annual increments, commencing on the first anniversary of the date of grant.

Remarks:

Charles E. Williams

12/06/2004

** 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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