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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>Aardsma David A</u> (Last) (First) (Middle) <u>1001 FANNIN STREET, 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>Sr. VP, Sales and Marketing</u>
	3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) <u>04/07/2005</u>	
4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year)		

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			

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				
Phantom Stock Units ⁽¹⁾	\$0	04/07/2005		A		11.1693		08/08/1988	08/08/1988	Common Stock	11.1693	\$0	1,036.1792	D	

Explanation of Responses:

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

Remarks:

Linda J. Smith, attorney-in-fact 04/08/2005

** 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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POWER OF ATTORNEY

Know all by these presents, that the undersigned hereby constitutes and appoints each of Rick L Wittenbraker, John Tsai, Amanda Maki and Linda J. Smith as the undersigned's true and lawful attorneys-in-fact, with full power of substitution, to:

(1) execute for and on behalf of the undersigned, in the undersigned's capacity as a reporting person of Waste Management, Inc. (the "Company") pursuant to Section 16 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended (the "Exchange Act"), and the rules and regulations thereunder, Forms 3, 4 and 5 in accordance with Section 16(a) of the Exchange Act and any Form 144, Form 8-K or other form required to be filed relating to the transaction covered by such report (collectively, the "Required Forms");

(2) do and perform any and all acts for and on behalf of the undersigned which may be necessary or desirable to complete and execute any such Required Forms and timely file such Required Forms with the United States Securities and Exchange Commission, any stock exchange, or other authority or body; and

(3) take any other action of any type whatsoever in connection with the foregoing which, in the opinion of any of such attorneys-in-fact or their substitutes, may be of benefit to, in the best interest of, or legally required by, the undersigned, it being understood that the documents executed by any of such attorneys-in-fact or their substitutes on behalf of the undersigned pursuant to this Power of Attorney shall be in such form and shall contain such terms and conditions as any of such attorneys-in-fact or their substitutes may approve in the discretion of any such person.

The undersigned hereby grants to each such attorney-in-fact or their substitutes full power and authority to do and perform any and every act and thing whatsoever requisite, necessary, or proper to be done in the exercise of any of the rights and powers herein granted, as fully to all intents and purposes as the undersigned might or could do if personally present, with full power of substitution or revocation, hereby ratifying and confirming all that any of such attorneys-in-fact, or the substitute or substitutes of any of such attorneys-in-fact, shall lawfully do or cause to be done by virtue of this Power of Attorney and the rights and powers herein granted. The undersigned acknowledges that the foregoing attorneys-in-fact or their substitutes, in serving in such capacity at the request of the undersigned, are not assuming, nor is the Company assuming, any of the undersigned's responsibilities to comply with Section 16 of the Exchange Act or any other law, rule or regulation.

This Power of Attorney shall remain in full force and effect until the undersigned is no longer required to file Required Forms with respect to the undersigned's holdings of and transactions in securities issued by the Company, unless earlier revoked by the undersigned in a signed writing delivered to the foregoing attorneys-in-fact.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the undersigned has caused this Power of Attorney to be executed as of this 14th day of February, 2005.

Signature: /s/ David A. Ardsma
Name: David A. Aardsma