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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>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) 11/04/2004	
	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⁾	11/04/2004		M		1,000	A	\$19.61	16,536.2463	D	
Common Stock ⁽¹⁾	11/04/2004		M		4,000	A	\$19.875	20,536.2463	D	
Common Stock ⁽¹⁾	11/04/2004		S		3,910	D	\$29	16,626.2463	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
Phantom Stock Units ⁽²⁾	\$0	11/04/2004		A		4.4678		08/08/1988	08/08/1988	Common Stock	4.4678	\$0	489.4899	D	
Stock Option (right to buy)	\$19.61	11/04/2004		M		1,000		03/06/2004 ⁽³⁾	03/06/2013	Common Stock	1,000	\$19.61	9,000	D	
Stock Option (right to buy)	\$19.875	11/04/2004		M		4,000		06/01/2001 ⁽⁴⁾	06/01/2010	Common Stock	4,000	\$19.875	6,000	D	

Explanation of Responses:

- Option exercised and shares sold pursuant to Mr. Ragiel's Rule 10b5-1 Sales Plan.
- 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.
- 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.
- 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:

Steven T. Ragiel 11/05/2004
 ** 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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