

SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
Washington, D.C. 20549

FORM 8-K
CURRENT REPORT

PURSUANT TO SECTION 13 OR 15(d) OF THE
SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934

Date of Report (date of earliest event reported): December 31, 1996

USA WASTE SERVICES, INC.
(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

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| DELAWARE (State of Incorporation) | 1-12154 (Commission File Number) | 73-1309529 (I.R.S. Employer Identification Number) |
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| 1001 FANNIN STREET SUITE 4000 HOUSTON, TEXAS (Address of principal executive offices) | 77002 (Zip Code) |
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Registrant's telephone number, including area code: (713) 512-6200

ITEM 5. OTHER EVENTS

On December 31, 1996, USA Waste Services, Inc. (the "Company") was served with subpoenas relating to documents covering a period from 1990 to the present in connection with an ongoing investigation being conducted by the United States' Attorneys Office for the Central District of California. The Company has been informed that it is not a target of the investigation but that one of its subsidiaries, Western Waste Industries, which the Company acquired in May of 1996, is a target of the investigation. The Company has pledged its full cooperation in the investigation.

SIGNATURE

Pursuant to the requirements of Section 12 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned hereunto duly authorized.

Dated: January 13, 1997

USA WASTE SERVICES, INC.

By: /s/ GREGORY T. SANGALIS

Gregory T. Sangalis
Vice President, General Counsel
and Secretary