

WASTE MANAGEMENT INC
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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *
 RAGIEL STEVEN T

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol
 WASTE MANAGEMENT INC
 [WMI]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)
 1001 FANNIN, SUITE 4000
 (Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)
 12/01/2004

____ Director _____ 10% Owner
 Officer (give title below) _____ Other (specify below)
 President, Recycle America

HOUSTON, TX 77002

4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)
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(City) (State) (Zip)

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 Ownership (Instr. 4)
			Code	V	Amount	(A) or (D)	Price
Common Stock	12/01/2004		M		6,000	A	\$ 19.875
Common Stock	12/01/2004		M		2,000	A	\$ 20.5
Common Stock	12/01/2004		S		3,600	D	\$ 29.65
Common Stock	12/01/2004		S		2,450	D	\$ 29.66

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

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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 Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)	Amount or Number of Shares	
				Code	V (A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	
Stock Option (Right to Buy) ⁽¹⁾	\$ 20.5	12/01/2004		M	2,000	09/13/2000	09/13/2009	Common Stock	2,000
Phantom Stock Units ⁽²⁾	\$ 0	12/02/2004		A	4.3576	08/08/1988	08/08/1988	Common Stock	4.3576
Stock Option (right to buy) ⁽³⁾	\$ 19.875	12/01/2004		M	6,000	06/01/2001	06/01/2010	Common Stock	6,000

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
RAGIEL STEVEN T 1001 FANNIN SUITE 4000 HOUSTON, TX 77002			President, Recycle America	

Signatures

Steven T. Ragiel 12/03/2004
 **Signature of Date
 Reporting Person

Explanation of Responses:

- * 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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Stock option granted pursuant to Waste Management, Inc. 1993 Stock Incentive Plan. Stock option vests in 20% annual increments, commencing on the first anniversary date of the date of grant.

- (2) 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.
- (3) 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.

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