

Aardsma David A
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FORM 4

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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 *
 Aardsma David A

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 STREET, SUITE 4000
 (Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)
 01/22/2009

____ Director _____ 10% Owner
 Officer (give title below) _____ Other (specify below)
 Sr. VP, Sales and Marketing

HOUSTON, TX 77002

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)
 Form filed by One Reporting Person
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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 Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4) | 6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4) | 7. Nature of Ownership (Instr. 4) |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|---|--|-----------------------------------|
| | | | | (A) or (D) | Code V Amount (D) Price | | |

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 | 2. Conversion | 3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year) | 3A. Deemed Execution Date, if | 4. Transaction | 5. Number of Derivative | 6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date | 7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities |
|------------------------|---------------|--------------------------------------|-------------------------------|----------------|-------------------------|---|--|
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| Security (Instr. 3) | or Exercise Price of Derivative Security | any (Month/Day/Year) | Code (Instr. 8) | Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5) | (Month/Day/Year) | | | (Instr. 3 and 4) | | |
|------------------------------------|--|----------------------|-----------------|---|------------------|-----|------------------|------------------|--------------|----------------------------|
| | | | Code | V | (A) | (D) | Date Exercisable | Expiration Date | Title | Amount or Number of Shares |
| Phantom Stock Units ⁽¹⁾ | \$ 0 | 01/22/2009 | A | | 3.5142 | | 08/08/1988 | 08/08/1988 | Common Stock | 3.5142 |

Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address | Relationships | | | |
|--|---------------|-----------|-----------------------------|-------|
| | Director | 10% Owner | Officer | Other |
| Aardsma David A 1001 FANNIN STREET, SUITE 4000 HOUSTON, TX 77002 | | | Sr. VP, Sales and Marketing | |

Signatures

Linda J. Smith,
attorney-in-fact
Date: 01/23/2009

**Signature of Reporting Person

Date

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).
- (1) Phantom stock units accrued under the Waste Management, Inc. 409A Deferral Savings Plan, a supplemental retirement savings plan. A phantom stock unit is equivalent to one share of Common Stock.
- (2) Participant's Company stock fund account on any given date may not exactly equal the number of share equivalents represented by a prior balance plus additions due to variables affecting the determination of Company stock fund unit values under the Plan on any such date.

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