#### **WASTE MANAGEMENT INC**

Form 4

December 03, 2004

## FORM 4

### UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION Washington, D.C. 20549

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF

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obligations Section 17(a) of the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935 or Section may continue. 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940 See Instruction

1(b).

(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) 1001 FANNIN	(First)	(Middle)	3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 12/01/2004	Director 10% OwnerX Officer (give title Other (specify below) President, Recycle America		
(Street)			4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)	6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person		
HOUSTON, TX 77002				Form filed by More than One Reporting Person		

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(City)	(State)	(Zip)	Table I - Non	-Derivative Securities Acqu	uired, Disposed of	f, or Bene	ficially Owned
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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. Securi or(A) or D (Instr. 3,	ispose	d of (D)	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)
Common Stock	12/01/2004		Code V M	Amount 6,000	(D)	Price \$ 19.875	22,626.2463	D	
Common Stock	12/01/2004		M	2,000	A	\$ 20.5	24,626.2463	D	
Common Stock	12/01/2004		S	3,600	D	\$ 29.65	21,026.2463	D	
Common Stock	12/01/2004		S	2,450	D	\$ 29.66	18,576.2463	D	

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)			6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)		7. Title and Amount Underlying Securitie (Instr. 3 and 4)	
				Code V	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amou or Numb of Sha
Stock Option (Right to Buy) (1)	\$ 20.5	12/01/2004		M		2,000	09/13/2000	09/13/2009	Common Stock	2,00
Phantom Stock Units (2)	\$ 0	12/02/2004		A	4.3576		08/08/1988	08/08/1988	Common Stock	4.35
Stock Option (right to buy) (3)	\$ 19.875	12/01/2004		M		6,000	06/01/2001	06/01/2010	Common Stock	6,00

# **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 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).

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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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