

RAGIEL STEVEN T  
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**FORM 4**

**UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
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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 FANNIN1001  
 FANNIN, SUITE 4000SUITE 4000  
 (Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)  
 01/03/2005

\_\_\_\_ 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 Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)		
				(A) or (D)	Price				
				Code	V	Amount			
Common Stock <sup>(1)</sup>	01/03/2005		M		5,500	A	\$ 20.5	24,094.2054	D
Common Stock <sup>(1)</sup>	01/03/2005		M		2,500	A	\$ 24.01	26,594.2054	D
Common Stock <sup>(1)</sup>	01/03/2005		S		5,800	D	\$ 29.77	20,794.2054	D
Common Stock <sup>(1)</sup>	01/03/2005		S		195	D	\$ 29.81	20,599.2054	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)	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) <sup>(2)</sup>	\$ 20.5	01/03/2005		M	5,500	09/13/2000 09/13/2009	Common Stock	5,500	
Stock Option (Right to Buy) <sup>(3)</sup>	\$ 24.01	01/03/2005		M	2,500	03/01/2002 03/01/2011	Common Stock	2,500	
Phantom Stock Units <sup>(4)</sup>	\$ 0	12/30/2004		A	4.3316	08/08/1988 08/08/1988	Common Stock	4.33	

## 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 01/04/2005

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

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- (2) 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.
- (3) 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.
- (4) 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.

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