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**WASTE MANAGEMENT RECYCLE AMERICA COMMITS TO E-STEWARDS PLEDGE:
WORLD'S MOST RIGOROUS ENVIRONMENTAL AND SOCIAL CRITERIA FOR
ELECTRONIC WASTE MANAGEMENT**

*First solid waste management company to commit to responsible e-waste handling and
environmental preservation*

Houston, TX – September 23, 2008 – Waste Management Recycle America (WM Recycle America) today announced its commitment to adopt the Electronics Recycler's Pledge of True Stewardship for the dismantling and recycling of electronics waste (e-waste).

Signatory companies of the pledge are required, among other things, to prevent hazardous e-waste from entering municipal incinerators or landfills; to prevent the export of such e-waste to developing countries; and to provide visible tracking of e-waste throughout the product recycling chain. The pledge confirms that the company will conduct its electronics recycling (eCycling) programs transparently and in accord with rigorous environmental and worker safety standards.

“We are thrilled to see Waste Management Recycle America choose to commit itself to these rigorous environmental and social criteria and differentiate themselves markedly from the vast majority of irresponsible companies now pretending to be reputable electronics recyclers,” said Sarah Westervelt of the Basel Action Network. “Some components of electronic waste contain toxic materials and consumers need to know who are the legitimate recyclers that will not simply take their money and ship their old electronic materials for processing in developing countries or dispose of them in a landfill.”

To encourage consumers to dispose of electronic devices in an environmentally sound manner, WM Recycle America has partnered with Sony and LG Electronics, two of the nation's largest consumer electronics brands, allowing their customers to drop off for free all of their Sony, LG, Zenith or GoldStar branded electronics waste at more than 150 eCycling drop-off centers across the country. WM Recycle America plans to have at least one location in every state through a combination of WM Recycle America locales and WM external service partners, the programs are working towards the goal of having a

recycling center within 20 miles of 95 percent of the U.S. population. Other electronic manufacturers materials can also be dropped off for a fee.

Glendale, Arizona is home to WM Recycle America's Earth Protection Services drop-off center. The eCycling facility, located at 5355 N. 51st Avenue, Suite 26, allows consumers to recycle all of their old electronics.

"Knowing Waste Management has committed to this pledge, we can encourage community members to take their old electronics to a WM Recycle America collection depot, with the knowledge that this hazardous waste will be safely and responsibly processed," said Don Cassano.

The decision to join the environmentalist created e-Stewards Pledge supports WM Recycle America's efforts to increase its recycling operations. In addition to traditionally recycled materials such as paper, plastic and metals, the company is also processing of other materials such as compact fluorescent bulbs, batteries and other household electronics. WM Recycle America plans to nearly triple the total volume of materials it recycles from the current 8 million tons to more than 20 million tons by 2020.

"Consumer and institutional electronics waste is one of the fastest growing waste streams," said Patrick DeRueda, president of WM Recycle America. "We know consumers want to insure their electronic products are disposed of safely, and by committing to meet the e-Stewards pledge, Waste Management Recycle America will demonstrate its ongoing commitment to environmentally responsible practices."

About Waste Management and WM Recycle America, L.L.C.

Waste Management, based in Houston, Texas, is the leading provider of comprehensive waste management services in North America. Our subsidiaries provide collection, transfer, recycling and resource recovery, and disposal services. We are also a leading developer, operator and owner of waste-to-energy and landfill gas-to-energy facilities in the United States. Our customers include residential, commercial, industrial, and municipal customers throughout North America. To learn more information about Waste Management and WM Recycle America visit www.wm.com or www.thinkgreen.com.

WM Recycle America is a subsidiary of Waste Management and is the largest residential recycler in North America. WM Recycle America's business lines include processing many types of consumer-generated recyclables and finding the best markets for the recyclable commodities produced. In its capacity of providing processing and marketing services, WM Recycle America offers a wide variety of recycling options for municipal, manufacturing, commercial and residential customers.