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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 – September 24, 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.

“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 ensure 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.”

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 other materials such as compact fluorescent bulbs, batteries and 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.

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 about Waste Management 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.

About the Basel Action Network and the e-Stewards Initiative

The Basel Action Network is a global watchdog environmental organization that seeks to prevent toxic trade to developing countries. They were the first to document the widespread abuse of electronic waste dumping in developing countries and created the e-Stewards program as corporate partnership program to promote responsibility in the e-waste management sector. For more information on BAN, visit www.ban.org.

The e-Stewards Initiative began as the Electronic Recycler’s Pledge of True Stewardship in 2003. It is now being developed to be a full comprehensive standard that will be independently audited and certified. It is the world’s most rigorous standard for environmental and social responsibility in the e-waste management sector. For more information on the e-Stewards Initiative, visit www.e-Stewards.org.