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**WASTE MANAGEMENT OPENS
NEW DFW LANDFILL GAS TO ENERGY FACILITY
And Dedicates the Connection of Railroad St to Hebron Parkway**

Facility to Generate Enough Electricity to Power 5,000 Homes

Lewisville, TX 75057 – Waste Management, Inc. (NYSE: WMI) were joined today by local City of Lewisville officials for the opening of a new landfill gas-to-energy power plant at its DFW Landfill that will convert landfill gas into electricity that can power approximately 5,000 homes.

At the opening ceremony today, Mayor Dean Ueckert and Waste Management executives officially opened the 7,500-square-foot facility, which will deliver approximately six megawatts of green electricity to the TXU energy distribution system. This is the second facility built at this landfill. The first facility has been generating clean, renewable power since 1987.

“Our facility will benefit the local environment and economy because it will help offset the need for non-renewable resources such as coal, natural gas and oil,” said Tracey Shrader, Market Area Vice President for Waste Management North Texas Oklahoma and Arkansas.

Today’s engineered sanitary landfill is an environmentally safe waste disposal solution that minimizes the impact to the environment. Landfill gas which is created naturally as waste decomposes in a landfill, can either be destroyed through a flare or it can be captured, converted and used as a clean energy source.

“This landfill gas-to-energy facility is a win-win project for the community and Waste Management’s landfill,” says Mayor Ueckert. “The community benefits from the positive

environmental benefits, and Waste Management will be able to turn a once-wasted commodity into a valuable energy resource.”

The process to convert landfill gas to energy begins with the disposal of organic-rich solid waste into a landfill. As the waste decomposes, gas is produced and recovered by a series of extraction wells placed into the landfill. The wells are interconnected by a common collection system that transports the gas to a compression facility. There, the gas is processed to remove moisture before being delivered as fuel to an internal combustion engine, which drives a generator to produce electricity. The generator is connected to a transformer, which increases the voltage of the electricity to match that of the local electrical utility’s distribution system.

The 314-acre DFW disposal facility along with 540 acres of buffer area is located at 1600 S. Railroad, accepts approximately 5,500 tons of trash each day. The facility was permitted in 1972 and has been operated by Waste Management of Texas since 1979.

Waste Management is a national leader in recovering landfill gas to generate power. The company has 108 landfill-gas-to-energy facilities nationwide, including 3 in the DFW area. Together, these facilities provide the equivalent of nearly 500 megawatts of electricity. The electricity generated is enough to power more than 400,000 homes and equivalent to saving nearly seven million barrels of oil per year.

Waste Management has a specialized renewable energy group, which works closely with businesses, industries and public utilities to develop landfill gas-to-energy and waste-to-energy projects that provide an economical and environmental alternative to fossil fuels.

About Waste Management, Inc.

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.

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