

Aardsma David A
Form 4
January 23, 2009

FORM 4

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

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1(b).

**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF
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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *
Aardsma David A

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 FANNIN STREET, SUITE
4000

3. Date of Earliest Transaction
(Month/Day/Year)
01/22/2009

____ Director ____ 10% Owner
X Officer (give title ____ Other (specify
below) below)
Sr. VP, Sales and Marketing

(Street)
HOUSTON, TX 77002

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
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Person

(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)
			Code	V Amount (D) Price			

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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	2. Conversion	3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	3A. Deemed Execution Date, if	4. Transaction	5. Number of Derivative	6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date	7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities
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Security (Instr. 3)	or Exercise Price of Derivative Security	any (Month/Day/Year)	Code (Instr. 8)	Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)	(Month/Day/Year)		(Instr. 3 and 4)			
			Code	V	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares
Phantom Stock Units ⁽¹⁾	\$ 0	01/22/2009	A		3.5142		08/08/1988	08/08/1988	Common Stock	3.5142

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
Aardsma David A 1001 FANNIN STREET, SUITE 4000 HOUSTON, TX 77002			Sr. VP, Sales and Marketing	

Signatures

Linda J. Smith,
attorney-in-fact
01/23/2009

__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) Phantom stock units accrued under the Waste Management, Inc. 409A Deferral Savings Plan, a supplemental retirement savings plan. A phantom stock unit is equivalent to one share of Common Stock.
- (2) Participant's Company stock fund account on any given date may not exactly equal the number of share equivalents represented by a prior balance plus additions due to variables affecting the determination of Company stock fund unit values under the Plan on any such date.

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