Waste Management - a vital part of the solution

We’re helping to clean up oil and oil-impacted materials from the leaking well in the Gulf of Mexico while maintaining the highest standards of safety and protection of human health and the environment. The chart below illustrates our process flow for these materials.

**Waste Retrieval**
All waste is initially categorized and a destination for disposal is assigned.

**Solid Wastes**
Regular trash and recyclables

**Oil-impacted materials**
Sand and debris from shorelines, booms, etc.

**Liquids**
Oil and water from skimming operations

**Verification and Transport**

**Transport to landfill or a recycling facility**

**Transport to staging area**

**STAGING AREA**
Waste is inspected against categorization

- If a discrepancy exists, load is rejected and waste is redirected
- If waste matches categorization, it is transported to landfill

**Disposal**

**LANDFILL**
Waste is inspected against categorization

- If a discrepancy exists, the process starts again
- If it matches, it is visually inspected before disposal

**Disposal**

- Contents of each load are checked multiple times to ensure proper handling.
- Oil-impacted waste is transported in lined and covered containers.

- Cleanup is performed by independent teams hired by BP. Waste Management is not involved in initial waste retrieval.
- Containers for oil-impacted waste are provided by Waste Management. They are lined with plastic upon delivery to the requested site.
- Only regular municipal solid waste (not oil-impacted waste) can go directly to the landfill from a cleanup site.

Incoming loads at the landfill are checked at least twice:
- The profile/manifest is checked at the scale house.
- A final visual inspection is performed before disposal.