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WASTE MANAGEMENT ANNOUNCES PARTNERSHIP WITH MIAMI-DADE COUNTY TO PROCESS SINGLE-STREAM RECYCLING

One of the largest facilities in the nation expected to increase recovery of recyclable materials in County

Miami – July 31, 2008 – Waste Management, Inc. (NYSE: WMI) and its wholly owned subsidiary, WM Recycle America (WMRA), today announced a partnership with Miami-Dade County to launch one of the nation’s largest residential single stream recycling programs.

Located in Pembroke Pines, Fl., the 100,000 sq. ft. facility has the capacity to process up to 1,000 tons of recyclables per day and is the largest and most advanced single-stream recycling operation in the state as well as one the largest in the nation. It is also only one of two in the state and the first of its kind in the South Florida area.

“Items recycled at our state-of-the-art facility provide the Miami-Dade County residents significant environmental benefits,” said Patrick DeRueda, president, WMRA. “Our investment exemplifies WMRA’s commitment and leadership as North America’s leading recycler by offering communities and businesses economically sustainable recycling options.”

The facility employs advanced recycling technology including magnets, screens and optical scanners to automate the sorting of recyclables. The efficiency of the single-stream process can improve local recycling programs by increasing capacity, resulting in an average recovery of up to 30 percent more recyclable materials while maintaining material quality equal to if not better than traditional recycling processes. Items recycled at the facility create an environmental benefit because recycling materials such as paper, glass, and metal helps protect valuable natural resources, save energy, promote clean air and water, and conserve landfill space.

"The single stream recycling process makes it much easier for our residents to recycle," said Miami-Dade County Department of Solid Waste Management Director Kathleen Woods-Richardson. "With more than 340,000 households, the new Miami-Dade recycling program can make a tremendous positive impact on our environment."

Waste Management operates 31 single-stream recycling facilities across the country and an additional 4 to 5 will begin construction or open this year. These facilities are a part of WM Recycle America's plan to make it easier for people to recycle and positions Waste Management as the first major solid waste company to focus on single-stream recycling.

"We are dedicated to being good stewards of the environment, making our communities safer, cleaner and better places to live and work. We are proud to be partnering with Miami-Dade County to benefit the environment and economy of communities throughout the County," said WM Jim Trevathan, senior vice president, Southern Group.

This facility is part of Waste Management's sustainability initiative that was announced last October at the World Business Forum committing the company to nearly tripling the amount of recyclables it manages by 2020.

About Waste Management

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 visit www.wm.com or www.thinkgreen.com.

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